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## Bay Trail state quabble

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The soon-to-be-  
Buchanan Street Bay Trail  
may be so complete after all,  
the State Architect's office  
has tentatively said a fence which  
migratory birds might also  
against the handicapped.  
According to a letter sent to the  
architect's office was erro-  
rily left out of the process by  
the 1/3-mile-long trail was  
a point. City officials, however,  
they did what they were sup-  
posed to do and characterize the issue  
dispute between two state agen-  
cies. The dispute centers around a 4  
foot to 5-foot-high fence which  
along the eastern portion of the

ence is meant to protect birds  
Albany mud flats from the  
of humans, and has been the  
dispute in planning the trail,  
er-friendliness against con-  
wildlife. While some argue  
is a necessary mitigation,  
ay it goes too far and is based  
which they find somewhat

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Top row: Jane Del Simone, El Cerrito Rotary, Mori Struve, maintenance & engineering services manager, Steve Temple, ECHS art teacher. Bottom row: Ross Temples, ECHS seniors Mei Mei Everson, Wesley Wong, Tina Chen and Celia Eng

## Goodbye graffiti — students paint mural in EC

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — BART commuters  
and Ohlone Greenway strollers now have  
a bit of community artwork to add some  
color to their day. The large retaining  
wall lining part of the pathway south of  
Stockton Avenue is no longer a gray  
concrete mass, thanks to six El Cerrito  
High School students and the organizing  
efforts of the El Cerrito Rotary Club.  
Last spring, the El Cerrito Rotary

decided to contribute funding for the paint-  
ing of a mural on the wall as a discourag-  
ement to graffiti vandals. The project also  
fit right in with goals set by last year's  
president, Jane Del Simone, to increase  
support of El Cerrito High by the service  
club. (Last year's shadowing program, in  
which students followed Rotary members  
"on the job" for a morning, followed by  
lunch with the club, was a great success  
and will continue this year, she said.)  
The Rotary Club paid for paints and  
other materials for the student project.

Members also met with the artists and  
teacher Steve Temple, as did city staff  
members, to discuss the design goals for  
the project.  
"After we got together, we came down  
and viewed the wall," said Temple. "I  
gave them a couple of ideas, based on  
what Mori said. (Mori Struve, mainte-  
nance and engineering services man-  
ager.) As things went along, we adapted  
and changed our ideas to fit."

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## Out-of-town influence accused

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Some discussion was engendered at  
the Oct. 7 meeting of the El Cerrito Redevelopment  
Agency by the possibility that "concept" plans for the  
South Gate Development Area don't really reflect the  
vision of the community for the Plaza but rather the  
priorities of "out of town environmentalists" who overly  
influenced the community participation workshops.  
Redevelopment Agency Chair Norman La Force first  
raised the subject, referring to "rumors" circulating re-  
garding that possibility.  
La Force said he was sure that everyone then sitting in  
the Council Chambers was an environmentalist of "some  
sort" and said he was unsure how to address that part of  
the rumor.  
As for the "out of town" accusation, La Force said he  
had gathered statistics on the meetings and personally  
counted the names of those attending. Aside from Agency  
staff members, BART representatives and so on, he said

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## Theater plan faces hurdles

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Redevelopment  
Agency has extended one date in Charles Owel's Exclu-  
sive Negotiating Rights Agreement for development of a  
mixed use project at the Del Norte BART station and old  
Mayfair site. Owel did not meet his "performance dead-  
line" of Aug. 1 to submit to the Agency an agreement  
allowing the use of BART-owned parking for patrons of a  
planned theater.  
Owel's proposed project includes a multi-screen thea-  
ter, residential and retail components. The mixed use  
housing project is proposed to be sited on the old Mayfair  
site. A 20-screen theatre is planned for the BART parking  
site.  
When requesting an extended deadline in August,  
Owel had cited delays at the BART end for his lack of  
compliance.

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## Group presents alternative plan for EC Plaza

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Members of Sustainable El Cerrito  
presented an alternative site plan for the develop-  
ment of the El Cerrito Plaza at the Oct. 7 meeting of the  
Redevelopment Agency. The Agency was hold-  
ing a public study session on seven proposals for devel-  
opment at the Plaza. The SEC plan is not a separate  
proposal.  
Members of SEC had requested Agency time to  
present the alternative site plan to the community, which  
was developed by architect (and SEC member) Ed  
Holan and incorporates elements from different pro-  
posals which SEC members advocate and believe are  
missing from the development plans.  
Other individuals who spoke, Sustainable El  
Cerrito does not believe interested developers have ad-  
dressed planning concepts developed in pub-  
lic participation workshops last spring.  
There are any number of potential design solutions  
centered that will meet the community's objec-  
tives. Steve Price in introducing the plan. "This  
is the kind of solution SEC is advocating."  
The SEC plan includes significant mixed retail and  
space near the BART station (incorporated with a  
structure), parking lots that are distributed around

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## She's in for the long haul

By Peggy Thow

ALBANY — "If I thought people had to spell my  
name right in order to vote for me, I'd have given up on  
day one," laughs Jewel Okawachi, Albany's only official  
write-in candidate for School Board. "Some of my  
dearest friends can't spell my name."  
To vote for Okawachi, people will have to write her  
name — spelled as correctly as possible — in a place  
provided on the ballot, and they will have to write  
"Albany School Board" next to it. Her name isn't  
printed on the ballot. Okawachi's campaign is making  
the best of this unusual candidacy by handing out ball-  
point pens to Albany voters. "Write-in Jewel Okawachi"  
is printed boldly on each one.  
Bags of these pens sat next to campaign brochures on  
Okawachi's dining room table as she talked about  
Albany's schools, a subject she knows through long  
experience. Albany schools educated Okawachi, her  
siblings, and her three sons as well.  
She can show you a black-and-white photo of her  
older sister, then a kindergartener, sitting with class-  
mates in front of Cornell School in 1924. "That's four  
years before I was born," Okawachi notes. This same  
sister, she adds, was among the many friends and family  
members who urged her to run for school board this  
year.  
Another photo in the album shows Okawachi's own  
kindergarten class, but this time the backdrop is the old



Write-in school board candidate Jewel Okawachi with neighborhood supporters at a recent block party.

Marin school building, with its Art Deco detailing. "I  
miss that school," she confesses. A few pages later, she  
lights on a color photo of herself at a reunion of the  
Albany High School class of 1946.  
For Okawachi, such a reunion almost didn't happen;  
her family, like that of other Japanese-Americans, suf-

fered internment during World War II. Okawachi  
missed two years of Albany High but returned in time  
to graduate with her class. She went on to earn a  
bachelor's degree in psychology at UC Berkeley.  
She has lived in Albany all her life, an active

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## Albany measures would change political climate

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Though they have  
yet to receive the attention gained by  
the other initiatives facing voters Nov.  
5, Measures L, M and N, dealing with  
the question of who appoints the po-  
lice chief, city attorney and treasurer,  
could change the face of city politics  
more drastically than any other.  
The initiatives would turn the  
power of appointment for the histori-  
cally elected positions over to the  
City Council, and could have the  
greatest effect on the day-to-day man-  
ner in which city government is run.

The three measures have no com-  
mittees backing or opposing them,  
and will essentially be decided by a  
campaign run through the press and  
ballot arguments.  
The City Council placed the ini-  
tiatives on the ballot this summer by  
a 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Bob  
Good opposed. While proponents call  
the initiatives preventative measures  
which could stymie misuse of the  
system, opponents, who include the  
current office-holders, say the current  
system provides checks and balances  
that have yet to be proved inadequate.  
Perhaps the most powerful of the

three positions is that of the police  
chief, who oversees a \$3.2 million  
budget and more than 30 employees.  
While those who are in favor of Mea-  
sure L argue it would make the chief  
more responsive to the public be-  
cause the position is so rarely con-  
tested, those opposed say an elected  
chief is free to take stands an ap-  
pointed chief could not.  
Police Chief Larry Murdo was a  
lowly patrol officer when, in 1986, he  
ran against fellow officer Sgt. Troy  
Norman for the just-vacated office in  
a race which he says polarized  
Albany's men and women in blue.

Since then, Murdo has yet to face a  
contested election.  
He has taken stands on a number  
of city issues, including his role as a  
cardroom supporter in 1994 and, more  
recently, his request that the City  
Council insert a fingerprinting re-  
quirement in the city's yet-to-be-  
adopted fortune-telling ordinance.  
"My main concern is an inability  
to act autonomously from political  
influences," says Murdo, who also  
points to the somewhat unusual, yet  
highly popular, Chief Operator teen  
driving program as things an ap-  
pointed chief would not have been

able to pursue.  
Proponents of the measure, how-  
ever, point to the fact that there are  
currently no candidates qualified to  
run against Murdo for his office. "The  
will of the people is expressed by  
making choices between alterna-  
tives," says Tony Caine, chair of the  
charter review committee and spokes-  
man for all three measures.  
In supporting Measure L, Caine  
says that only one other city in Cali-  
fornia elects its police chief, and that,  
if someone were to run against Murdo,

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## Letters to the Editor

### Critical money wasted

Editor:  
Once again, money that could have been available for (were it not for the redevelopment curse) and would have been enough for El Cerrito's fire and police protection, as well as for other desirable purposes, will be wasted, this time to assist national-chain businesses to invade into retail areas where they clearly are not needed. Not only are they not needed, they will compete directly and severely with established, loyal companies which have been serving our community so well for a long time.

I am referring, of course, to the Del Norte Marketplace plan, which will, in addition, produce a tremendous increase in traffic congestion where it certainly is not needed. And all these negative benefits are to be assisted with our tax money for an already known negative financial return, to add insult to all the other injuries. AND, we are told, presumably by our Mayor, we "have" to do this! We "have" to do this. Is not this rather amazing city government?

This is the very same city government — the City Council — which has the gall to ask for a \$125 increase in our property tax, such tax to last FOREVER and to INCREASE each and every year according to the consumer price index! How is it possible for any of us to absorb so much insult and to vote for such an outrage?

Tom Smithberger  
El Cerrito

### Albany Hill made inviting

Editor:  
I live on Albany Hill and almost daily I walk the hill for good exercise and just for enjoyment of being outside, nodding to some I know and talking with others I don't know.

For the last few months the colors of beautiful flowers have grown to a dazzling maze of bright and healthy flowers. In the 500 block of Jackson someone has taken the time and effort to plant a glorious array of flowers in bright and beautiful colors.

The back drop is Albany Hill in the drab wrath of a dry summer and sun that often was a little too warm and hung around too long.

I can't just walk past the beautiful flowers, even a very small cactus plant with a pretty red flower planted on a rock, with rocks surrounding it in a caress.

Thank you, neighbors on Jackson, for the time, cost and work you put into making a dull, big hill, in its own beauty, look fresh and new and totally inviting.

Dorothy Caya  
Albany

### Don't cut Kensington route

Editor:  
As a resident of Kensington who relies on the AC Route 7 bus every day to commute to work and back, I strongly urge AC Transit not to cut this route. We feel that by walking to this bus we are minimizing commuter traffic on the highways and surface streets, on BART trains and in BART parking lots. We are doing our share to commute ... don't cut out this efficient route for hillside residents who commute to San Francisco!

Kate Weese  
Kensington

### Supports El Cerrito assessment

Editor:  
With Proposition 13, our property taxes became negligible and our children's taxes for new homes were very high. Before that time El Cerrito had prided itself in having the lowest property taxes in the county. So Proposition 13 was a blow to city finances.

We also learned that our low taxes for the last 25 years did not cover even the cost of police and fire services in El Cerrito. Therefore, we wholeheartedly support the \$125 Fire Suppression Assessment as well as the Landscape and Lighting Assessment that we already pay. These assessments will cover Fire Department cost to the city and allow general funds to be used for long-deferred maintenance.

Personally, we long for the days when the city looked wonderful and we had enough city staff to provide the services we needed. Please join us for the community's future by voting "Yes" on the Lighting and Landscaping and the Fire Suppression assessments on Nov. 5.

Jean B. Siri  
El Cerrito

### Same side of the debate

Editor:  
Peter Loubal is a friend of mine and we are in agreement on many issues related to Del Norte area development. Like Peter, I think a realistic area-wide traffic study for the Del Norte area is in order. Traffic there is already miserable much of the time, well into the evening, past what we used to consider normal commute hours. San Pablo has become an Interstate 80 overflow street. "Big Box" development such as Target, FoodsCo, Home Depot — and now Walgreen's, Staples and Pep Boys — is adding to an already bad traffic situation.

The proposed Del Norte theater project would only make matters worse, and extend the traffic problems late into the evening hours and weekends when area residents currently get a break (at least on good days.) I agree with Peter's calling the theater project a "mega-theater," since it will expect at least 1 million visitors per year. Most of these people will come two per car, so the neighborhood can expect at least 500,000 new cars during what are now relatively quiet hours (on good days). I agree these are conservative estimates, based on a mildly successful regional theater with excellent freeway access and freeway-visible signage.

All this said, I think Peter has done a disservice to the community of El Cerrito by his recent attacks on Sustainable El Cerrito. While praising several individual members, he has made wild, unsubstantiated accusations against several others, and has condemned the group as a whole for what appears to be his inability to get along with certain members. This sounds to me not like a problem of clash of ideology, but a clash of personalities.

I was not at the meeting where Peter claims that he was "thrown out." However, having seen Peter in action many times at City Council meetings, and at El Cerrito Neighborhood Coalition meetings, and after talking to some of the people involved, my guess is that it wasn't Peter's ideas or political positions, but his manners that were the source of the conflict. Mr. Loubal can be very insistent and persistent in his crusade. This is a double-edged sword that, while helping to keep the issue in public, can also test the patience of even his friends.

While Sustainable El Cerrito has a good relationship with the city council and city staff, it is not universally happy with city decisions. It seems to me its members would rather disagree politely than yell at people. That is the main difference between them and Peter Loubal. While I agree with Peter that sometimes you have to be willing to make people unhappy, I think he should respect that other people are going to take different approaches.

As far as I know, Sustainable El Cerrito has not taken a position in favor of any of the projects which Mr. Loubal opposes. I know for a fact that several members were opposed to the Pacific Development Group project (Walgreen's, Staples, Pep Boys). Steve Price raised concerns about that project before the Planning Commission.

So, it is a disservice for Peter Loubal to characterize his personality clashes with individual members of Sustainable El Cerrito as due to the group's being taken over by ideologues, or that it is a "front for our political establishment." It is the opposite of "a forum for big-box developments."

Sustainable El Cerrito is a group of hard-working, civic-minded environmentalists who want to help this city develop in ways that are environmentally and socially sustainable. They share a lot of the credit for El Cerrito's good chances of getting sustainable, transit- and pedestrian-oriented development at El Cerrito Plaza. They want many of the same things that Peter Loubal wants. Perhaps if he could get along with them, rather than yelling at them, he would find very supportive allies.

Mike Daley  
El Cerrito

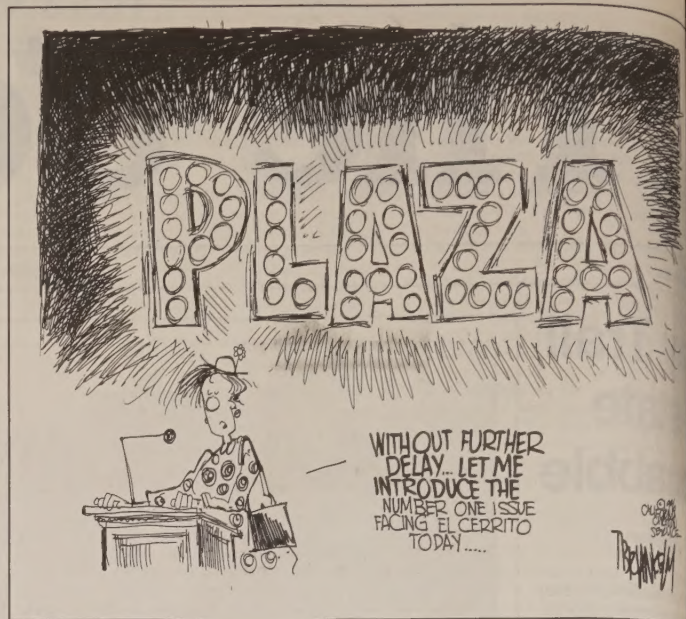
### Assessment would provide service

Editor:  
So the City of El Cerrito needs an assessment of about \$10 a month to keep the Fire Department functioning and to maintain other essential city services.

I am a homeowner of 15 years or so, a single old lady on a fixed income, and, in spite of all the other

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**Election related letters must be received no later than Oct. 26 for publication in the Oct. 31 issue.**



## Police Reports

### Man arrested after riding bicycle into traffic

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 10:20 p.m. on Oct. 13 Albany officers stopped an Emeryville man who was riding his bicycle very recklessly on San Pablo Avenue near Solano Avenue. He was riding into on-coming traffic causing cars to swerve to avoid hitting him. He also made several U-turns in the middle of the street. He was stopped on the 800 block of Adams Street and found to be intoxicated. He was arrested.

On the morning of Oct. 8 a resident on the 600 block of Spokane Avenue discovered that the "Class of 97" had decorated her front porch with flour and eggs.

On the evening of Oct. 8 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported seeing a thief steal his cell phone. Police are investigating.

On the evening of Oct. 8 a resident on the 1000 block of Ordway reported that thieves had broken into his car which was parked in front of his house during the previous night. He discovered the damage in the morning but chose to report it late in the evening.

On the afternoon of Oct. 9 a resident on the 900 block of Ventura Avenue reported that sometime during the day thieves had entered his house, probably through an unlocked back door, and stolen his computer. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Oct. 10 a

resident on the 900 block of Ventura Avenue reported observing a white male in a light green 1972 Ford pick-up who was driving recklessly in the area of Marin School. He caused a crossing guard to jump out of the way. He was last seen traveling east on Marin Avenue. The resident was able to get the vehicle's license number and police are investigating.

A resident on the 900 block of Peralta Avenue reported that between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Oct. 11 thieves broke into her home and stole money and credit cards from a wallet. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Oct. 11 a resident on the 1000 block of Cornell Avenue reported observing a thief take the wallet out of a purse in the living room then run north toward Solano Avenue. Police are investigating.

On the night of Oct. 11 residents on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported seeing a group of juveniles drinking in the barbecue area of their complex. Upon investigation of the group officers found a 13-year-old Albany boy who was very intoxicated. His parents were contacted and he was transported to a local hospital. The group was disbursed.

At about 3 a.m. on Oct. 12 Albany officers stopped a San Mateo man for a moving violation and a check revealed he had six outstanding warrants from San Mateo County totaling \$1,730. He was arrested.

Albany officers also stopped

an Oakland man at about 10:30 p.m. for reckless driving. He was arrested and taken to the County Jail. A resident on the 900 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that her home had just been burgled. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Oct. 12 a resident on the 1400 block of Washington Avenue reported covering that her home had been burgled. There were no witnesses.

On the night of Oct. 11 officers received several reports of noisy groups of teenagers in various parts of town. Apparently they were not causing property damage, just noise. They quietly and/or moved along when officers instructed them to.

At about 3:30 a.m. on Oct. 12 officers responded to a report of a resident on the 900 block of Evelyn Avenue reporting that in his late teens or early 20s appeared to be drunk and acting on his neighbor's front porch. Officers found the man under 21 and indeed very intoxicated. He was arrested.

During the week of Oct. 11 Albany officers fingerprinted six people at their request. One car, responded to 4 alarms, intervened in 12 domestic disputes, attended to 4 deceased or injured animals, assisted four people who locked out of their houses and responded to six reports of barking dogs.

### Two men arrested after alleged EC assault

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A San Francisco man and a Vallejo man were arrested at about 6:50 a.m. Oct. 8, both for assault with a deadly weapon. The first man is accused of striking the other with his fist. The second is then alleged to have locked the victim's arm in the suspect vehicle, dragging him down the street until the vehicle was involved in a collision.

Two juvenile suspects forced a pager from an Albany Middle School student on the BART path at Fairmont Oct. 4 at 3:30 p.m. The youth are described as Asian males, about 15 years old. One was about 5-feet 1-inch tall and wore a grey T-shirt with a circle design on the front, with tan pants; the second was about 5-feet 3-inches tall, wearing a green-hooded sweatshirt and green sweatpants.

An El Cerrito resident reported that she was followed by a man on the BART path between Hill Street and Manila at about 12:30 p.m. Oct. 9.

Two women stole a backpack from a Richmond resident at about 11:40 p.m. Oct. 7 at LaurerLand. A purse was reported stolen from a shopping cart at El Cerrito Plaza Oct. 7 at about 11:30 a.m.

A residential burglary was reported in the 7200 block of Donal Avenue during the night of Oct. 5. A garage door was pried open; golf clubs, a bag and cart were taken.

A mountain bike was reported stolen from an unlocked basement in the 400 block of Colusa between Aug. 1 and Oct. 6.

A mountain bike was taken from an unlocked garage in the 5100 block of Jordan Avenue between Oct. 1 and 5.

Six arrests were made for driving under the influence: an El Cerrito woman at Carlson and Central (1:46 a.m., Oct. 6); a San Rafael man at Eastshore and Potrero (4:50 a.m., Oct. 5); an El Sobrante man at Carlson and Central (2 a.m., Oct. 6); an Oakland man at Kearney and Potrero (1:50 a.m., Oct. 5); a San Lorenzo man at San Pablo and Madison (4:45 a.m., Oct. 6).

An arrest was also made on San Pablo Avenue between Knott and Macdonald at 12:27 a.m. Oct. 10. A Richmond woman was reported for possession of methamphetamine at Tehama at Carlson at 12:01 a.m. Oct. 10. An El Cerrito man was arrested at Central and Lexington Avenue Oct. 9 at 1:30 a.m. for possession of heroin for sale.

Someone cut the lock of a bike parked at El Cerrito High School between 8:15 a.m. and 12:25 p.m. Oct. 4 and stole it.

Someone attempted to steal a 1992 Honda Accord from a driveway in the 1300 block of Elm Street between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. Oct. 5. Someone pulled a stereo out of a vehicle parked in the 5600 block of Jordan Avenue during the night of Oct. 4, damaging the holder; the stereo was left on the seat, however. The van had been left unlocked.

Electronic equipment was stolen from a semi-truck in the 3300 block of Carlson between Oct. 4

and 5.

A purse was taken from an unlocked car in the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue between 6 p.m. and 6:35 p.m. Oct. 8.

Miscellaneous property taken from the glove compartment of vehicle parked in the 1100 block of Gatto Avenue between 11 p.m. Oct. 8.

A security officer damaged a cellular phone when chasing juveniles at about 12:15 p.m. Oct. 8. Another juvenile phone and fled; it was later recovered. The incident occurred on Long's Drags.

Someone broke the glass door of a vacant office on the Coast Federal Savings, 1100 block of San Pablo Avenue.

Two Richmond women arrested after attempting to shop at Safeway without groceries.

Someone scratched the door and marked an electric at the Open House Senior Center the evening or during the Oct. 8.

Three arrests were made for domestic violence.

Shoplifters were arrested at El Cerrito Plaza (a Richmond woman), Big S (a Richmond woman), Target (a San Pablo woman) and Target (employee).

**It is The Journal's policy to include race in descriptions of police suspects only when a violent crime or threat to public safety is involved in the case as reported by police departments.**

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## Don't touch that dial

Anthony Thomas, 5, took advantage of last weekend's open house at the Albany Fire Station to get a hands-on look at one of the engines. The annual event also included an open house at city hall.

Noah Berger

## Newsline

### Harvest dinner set

EL CERRITO — Mira Vista United Church of Christ, located 7075 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito, is celebrating nature's abundance with a Harvest Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 6 p.m.

A raffle and silent auction also will be held. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the community hunger programs.

Tickets are \$10 adult, \$5 child, \$2.50 per child age 12 or under. Child care will be available.

For more information or to make reservations, phone the church at 234-0110.

### League sponsors candidate's night

ALBANY — Voters will have an opportunity to look at local candidates at an election-related event sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville, Sunday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m.,

Albany candidates for school board, city council and treasurer will answer voters' questions at the "Albany Candidates Night," also in the large meeting room at the Albany Community Center.

The event is co-sponsored by the Albany Teachers' Association and the West County Times, with the City of Albany donating use of the Community Center facilities. Students from Albany High School will be videotaping the event for broadcast on the Albany Community Channel.

For more information about the event and TV coverage, call the League office at 843-8823.

### Prop. 209 featured

EL CERRITO — Women's issues in Election 1996 will be the focus of the Oct. 17 meeting of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941

The Alameda, Berkeley. This

meeting is sponsored by the AAUW branches of Richmond/El Cerrito, Berkeley and Oakland.

Speakers will discuss Proposition 209, the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI). The moderator will be Joanne Brown, California AAUW Public Policy Committee.

The panelists will be Loni Hancock, U.S. Department of Education; Lori Wu McClain, attorney and member of the national YWCA Board; and Mitzi Sales, Vice President for External Affairs, Shasta/Diablo Planned Parenthood.

For information, call Miriam Oshiro at 526-1127.

### Haunts wanted

Are you or someone in your neighborhood planning to decorate for Halloween?

Let The Journal know about it! Send the address and a brief description to P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito, Ca. 94530 or leave a message at 236-9243.

The Journal is planning a special tribute to local halloween haunts in its Oct. 31 edition.

# Debate offers few surprises

## Pros and cons of Albany measures presented

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The slough of city initiatives facing voters Nov. 5 got a brief public airing at the Community Center Sunday night in a debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Perhaps 50 people, including many of the movers and shakers in city politics, found their way to the debate, which was the first in a series of two. The debate provided the audience with the opportunity to submit anonymous questions on note cards to those arguing the measures and, aside from a moment when one debater mistakenly urged those present to vote in favor of the measure he was opposing, produced few surprises in the already well-argued races.

By far the busiest bee at the debate was Tony Caine, who chairs the Charter Review Committee and is running against incumbent Kim Denton for City Treasurer. Caine spoke on four out of six initiatives.

Other speakers included Vice Mayor Bob Good, City Council candidate Michael Feiner, Anne Haden, who is leading the charge against Measure R, and Waterfront Committee member Jerri Holan, who was one of two persons stripped of their positions last year during Councilmember Elizabeth Baker's controversial removal of citizen volunteers.

Caine and Good were the first two debaters, laying out the arguments on Measures L and M, which would take the power of appointment for the offices of police chief and city attorney away from Albany voters and turn it over to the City Council.

Caine's opening arguments repeated what proponents of Measure L have said from the beginning, that the initiative has nothing to do with the performance of Police Chief Larry Murdo and that, because the office is so rarely contested, arguments about an elected chief being more responsive are an illusion.

"In uncontested races, the voice of the people has laryngitis," Caine said.

Good countered Caine by saying an independent, elected police chief is free to advocate more controversial programs, and called

the lack of contested elections a "good sign" which indicated people were happy with what was going on.

"Once upon a time, most people thought the earth was flat," said Good in his closing statement in response to an argument that only two of California's 470 cities still elect their police chief.

Caine countered by saying that prior to the stock market crash of 1929, few investors saw any reason to change their habits either.

Caine and Good were also the debaters on Measure M, which focuses on the city attorney. Caine's arguments centered around the difficulty voters might have determining the quality of legal representation they receive and the possibility of the City Attorney altering the course of events by giving biased legal advice.

Good countered by saying an elected city attorney is a safeguard and a source of fresh ideas. "An appointed watchdog is a contradiction in terms," he said.

The two then took a break as Albany resident Anna Staebble and School Board member Ed McManus argued the pro and con for Measure N, which relates to the City Treasurer. Staebble said the fear of being fired would be more likely to keep a treasurer honest than an uncontested election, while McManus argued he would rather have an independent, elected official overseeing city finances than an appointed one.

Caine then made his way back to the front of the room to argue the city's position on Measures O and Q, a pair of competing initiatives relating to the appointment and removal of citizen volunteers. Arguing against city-sponsored Measure O was Jerri Holan, who was removed from the Waterfront Committee last November by Baker and later reinstated by Good.

Holan pointed to the importance of allowing members of the city's advisory boards and commissions to air their opinions without fear of retribution.

"The flow of information is from the community to the City Council. With Measure O, the flow is backward," Holan said.

Caine brought up the rarity of a volunteer being removed (prior to last November, the issue had only come up once in 25 years) and pointed to the potential difficulty

in determining whether Measure Q's "for cause" requirement had been met. Measure O would require a less-strong "statement of reason."

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Elisa Mikiten took over for Holan in arguing in favor of Measure Q. After calling the measure, which adds an existing ordinance to the City Charter, "nothing new," Mikiten complained that Measure O might prevent volunteers from serving because it requires a potentially uncomfortable public hearing as part of the removal process.

Caine called Measure Q a "well-intentioned" but "poorly thought out" initiative, and argued that the "for cause" requirement in the existing ordinance had yet to be tested. Apparently growing fatigued by the full 80 minutes of debating he had just gone through, Caine then urged the audience to vote "yes" on Q. He immediately realized his mistake amid chuckles from those present and changed his position.

The final argument of the night centered around Measure R, the city-sponsored open space measure which would assess Albany residents and businesses \$69 per equivalent residential unit for the purchase of open space on Albany Hill, creek restoration and acquisition of play fields.

With Feiner speaking in favor and Haden opposed, the debate on the already well-publicized measure, which is turning out to be the most controversial of the six, lacked much of the specificity and emotion the issue has received at recent council meetings.

While Feiner took his patented "positive" approach to the measure, saying he was there to answer "yes" to the question of whether Albany should make the three projects priorities, Haden also varied little from her previous arguments, saying the projects were fine in themselves but should not be at the top of the city's list of things to be done.

Those who missed the debate may see it on Albany's cable channel 17, at 8 p.m. on Oct. 25 through Oct. 28.

The second debate will focus on candidates for the City Council, Treasurer and Board of Education, and will be held Sunday night at the Community Center at 7 p.m.

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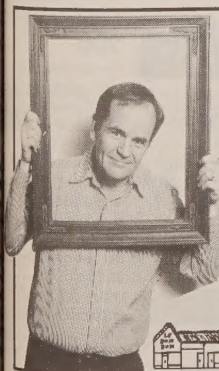


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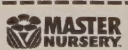
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## From sober reflections to sweet harmonies

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste," we hear, and this is so true. But how sad is a fine mind that has become wasted. How hard to bear a mind that was so sharp and so great that it has been internationally acclaimed (albeit only by the "in group" of scientists working with it), that is now clouded and slow and capable of little in the way of daily living.

A fine mind. At the age of 12 the local radio stores (they were the tops then) welcomed him, allowed him to work on their clients' radios and let him putter as he would in the back reaches of their shops. He built a radio from odds and ends for his family — no small feat in those days.

A sharp mind, confounding his high school teachers of physics, electronics, mechanics — and saddening the teachers of such things as English and foreign language because of his lack of interest in them. And when, as a result, he could not get into a fine college, he took everything in the new (and experimental) junior college, again garnering admiring professors who admitted he was better than they could hope to be.

Working on Boulder Dam as a teenager, and joining the aircraft industry in positions usually held by MIT and Cal Tech graduates — even, finally, becoming head of the departments where such graduates worked.

An unusual mind, part of the Manhattan Project, which used only the top people in their professions; moving his family to New Mexico for "a government job."

This is the mind that now has trouble expressing itself in a simple way. One remembers when the children would give their daddy something to fix, and when he could not would take it back and say, confidently, "I'll take it to Uncle Syd when we go down

there. He can fix it," and he almost always could. This is the man who sometimes cannot remember how to fasten his seat belt, or unlock a door.

They say, maybe Alzheimer's. Perhaps Parkinson's (I very much doubt that) or some other form of dementia. What does it matter what form? This is a fine mind that is lost, and a person who is fumbling his way through what should be the "golden years" of his life.

How very sad. How tragic. How hard to accept.

And upon my return I have found correspondence from some interesting organizations.

The Albany-Berkeley Interdependent Elders Network, for instance. This is the group that has brought us the wonderful "Christmas in April" project, where people in the community help to repair and modify homes of low-income seniors.

They advise that the Christmas in April program requires that each local program become a free-standing non-profit after a period of time. "We are proud to have given birth to this excellent community effort that has helped repair and modify 163 homes of low-income elders. We will continue to remain close to our Christmas in April offspring, collaborating where our goals are similar."

And they continue: "The separation presents an opportunity for the Albany/Berkeley Interdependent Elders Network to strengthen our year-round core services which advance our mission."

That mission is further care to the frail elderly. Twenty-two percent of Berkeley and Albany seniors are frail and live with some kind of disability, they tell us, and 40 percent of these live alone.

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



Through their Community Cares Service Bank and the Elder Advocacy outreach, they enable these seniors to remain autonomous and able to participate in their community through a neighbor-to-neighbor support system.

The Community Cares Service Bank is a neighborhood-based volunteer exchange program, helping seniors address everyday needs. "During the three years that the bank has been in existence we have provided over 10,000 volunteer service hours."

They give us other rather terrible figures: "A recent article in the S.F. Chronicle states that the average income of Bay Area elders is less than \$750 a month, and likely to decrease. Contrast this with the rising cost of institutional care at 10 percent each year from the current average of \$3,500 per month. When added to the humane considerations, this statistic is a compelling argument to support networks that enable elders to live in their own homes when possible."

They are, of course, asking for help. And to help in such work is indeed a "Mitzvah" (a blessing).

To find out more about it, or to offer financial or volunteer help, you are invited to call the Elders Network at 644-8978. They will be very happy to hear from you and to give you all the information you might want.

After all of these sober and sad reflections, it is time to introduce some fun. And that is provided by the Harmony Bay Chorus, the local group of the Sweet Adelines. You may remember that last year about this time we wrote about this

happy group which were offering, in addition to the programs they were giving, instruction in singing with the Sweet Adelines.

Many of our readers did take part in the classes they offer, because one of them has written to me to tell me how much she enjoyed it, and enjoys now being part of the group.

Now the Harmony Bay Chorus is presenting a concert, "Love Notes," on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 5 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley at 1 Lawson Road in Kensington. They sing for the joy of it and for fun, and their listeners join in the joy and the fun, making it a happy affair.

If you are interested you are invited to call Eileen at 233-3239 or Susan at 525-3325, or send a check (adults \$8 advance or \$10 at the door, seniors/students \$6 advance, \$8 at the door) to Harmony Bay Chorus, 646 29th St., Richmond 94804. And enjoy.

And don't forget the "Chamber Music Sundaes" when San Francisco Symphony musicians play the wonderful music written for chamber music groups. On Oct. 27 they will play Schubert, Mozart and Brahms at 3 p.m. in St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., in Berkeley. Tickets at the door are \$13, and \$10 students and seniors. Please call 415-584-5946 for further information.

I love hearing from these, some of my favorite correspondents. And I invite you to give me your input: interesting people, events, activities, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

## Friends of the Library

### Paperback Book Sale Saturday

By Madeleine LaRue  
Vice-President

The Friends' annual Paperback Book Sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room of the Albany Library. Mary Hartung, book sale chairperson, is urging everyone to "come early if you want the best selection. All mysteries, science fiction, general fiction, a few Westerns, and many kinds of romance and magazines will be displayed separately for ease of viewing."

Prices are 50 cents each or three for \$1. Quality paperbacks are specially priced, and romances and magazines are 10 cents each or \$1 per bag.

The Friends have purchased a

grants, hotlines, on-line services, trade periodicals (D. Lauber).

Those working on family history will have an invaluable resource, the latest edition of well-known genealogist Angus Baxter's *Search of Your European Ancestors in Every County of Europe*, essential for research in Eastern Europe, where old records are being opened for the first time.

History buffs will enjoy the new and copiously detailed encyclopedias of the Roman Empire (M. Bunson) and of the Ancient Greek World (D. S. The *Oxford Illustrated History of Modern Europe* (T.C.W. Blunt et al.); Everybody Say *Everything You Need to Know*

### The Friends have purchased new reference works for the library aimed at interests from legal advice to family history and more.

number of new reference works for the library. As useful as they are interesting, these books remain on the shelves so that library patrons can consult them at any time.

For instance, *Chase's 1997 Calendar of Events* is sure to become popular reading. Its 12,000 entries for famous birthdays, international events, and milestones include Babe Ruth Day, the Spaghetti Bridge Building Contest, and the Great Fire of London Anniversary.

People in need of legal advice can begin searching with *Nolo's Pocket Guide to California Law*, 4th ed., *The Women's Legal Guide* (B. Hauser, ed.), or *Mental Disability Law: A Primer*, 5th ed. (American Bar Association).

Looking for a job? Try *How to Get a Job in the San Francisco Bay Area* (R. Sanborn and W. Flowers); and *Non-Profits' Job Finder*, 3rd ed., which includes internships,

About African-American History (R. Newman and M. Sawyer), *Voices of Multicultural America: Notable Speeches Delivered by African, Asian, Hispanic, and Native Americans, 1790-1995* (D.G. Straub, ed.).

Need to relax? *Transferring Getaways for Spiritual Growth: Self-Discovery, and Holistic Healing* lists hundreds of places for retreat or adventure (J. Benson), and D.B. Boehm's *Zen Romance* wittily describes one woman's artistic and experiences in a Kyoto monastery of the late 1960s.

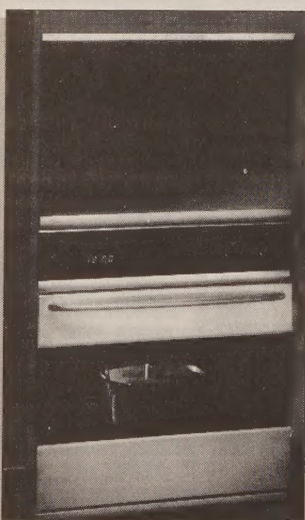
The Friends will next convene on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. for their Membership Meeting and celebration.

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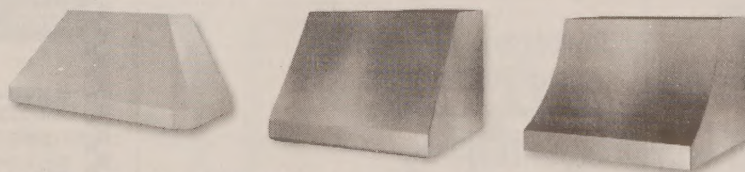
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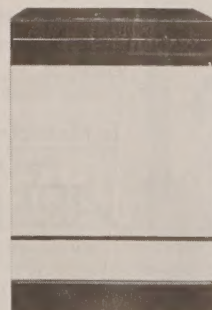
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The high schoolers will set in motion two days of continuous free entertainment that will include evening performances by singers and dancers from different bands. Music from the Andes will also be played in the Plaza's small area throughout the weekend.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with its Wide Round-Up Sale Days celebration, the Fiesta will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. In addition to entertainment, the admission-free event will feature a large number of craft items for shoppers, an art show and games and face painting for the children, a pet food giveaway, as well as a new car, cosmetics, and airplane displays.

Fiesta-goers will have the opportunity to sample and buy a wide variety of delicious food, including Greek, Mexican and American delicacies, as well as fashioned hot dogs and BBQ. Established to "promote business and create an event which will enhance the image of El Cerrito throughout the years," the Fiesta is co-sponsored by the Mechanic, PetVet/Petfood, East Bay Veterinary Company and the West Valley Times.

Additional financial support for this year's event is being provided by Pacific Gas and Electric and by Honda of El Cerrito.



## They all scream for ice cream

Members of the Albany High School Band and Albany Education Foundation President Sally Outis assembled at the Sept. 29 Ice Cream Social. The annual fundraiser was an apparent success, drawing hundreds of people buying bountiful bowls of ice cream to raise money for Albany schools.

## Center sponsors tea dances

EL CERRITO — The Open House Senior Center will sponsor Tea Dancing at the El Cerrito Community Center every third Wednesday afternoon of the month.

"Wanted: A Few Good Men!" quipped staff member Lori Teachout, adding that singles and couples are most welcome.

In fact, the last tea dancing experience sponsored by the se-

nior center was a roaring success, according to Teachout.

"Our Fourth of July tea dance is very popular," she said. "The only way we can get people to go home is to, literally, unplug the music and pick up the chairs."

The community center's beautiful wood floor contributes to the ambience, she said, adding that the center is sticking

with a good thing by inviting back the Rod Robert's Dance Combo, which also played on July 4.

Tea dancing is scheduled for Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19 and March 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. Admission is \$3 at the door, and free refreshments will be served.

"We're expanding our activities," said Teachout. "We hope everyone will come to this; it should be a lot of fun."

Call 215-4370 for further information.

## Church's Chicken wants access retained

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — As plans move along for the Pacific Development Group's retail center project at San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard, details have to be addressed. Walgreen's, a major tenant for the new center, may soon agree to a site plan change to accommodate the needs of a long-time El Cerrito fixture, Church's Chicken.

It was Dick Awenius, whose family owns the Church's Chicken and Jack in the Box parcels at the corner of the site, who approached the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency with his concerns.

Neither business is involved in the project per se, but the project is being constructed adjacent to Church's and will affect access from the south.

Awenius spoke at the Redevelopment Agency's public hearing on the project Sept. 3. He said at the time, and reaffirmed in a subsequent letter, that he hopes the PDG project can be designed and constructed to include a vehicular connection to the Church's Chicken parcel.

He said his family supports the development project but is concerned about future access.

Currently, there are three

ingresses to the restaurant: one from each of the major streets and one from the south. Walgreen's parking area would wipe out the latter.

"This one would be a unique connection," said community development director Gerry Raycraft.

"It would mean opening up a little curve in the entrance lane to Walgreen's to allow a detour into Church's Chicken."

Raycraft is optimistic about the proposal, though. He said staff discussed the potential for such a driveway connection with a representative of PDG, who then spoke with Walgreen's. Preliminary discussions were favorable.

"They agreed to look at it to see if it would work," he said, noting that, "Walgreen's like any major retailer has control over their site. If the site doesn't work for them, that can affect lease negotiations."

According to Raycraft, Church's Chicken has "four to five years left" on its current lease. He believes future value is probably of more concern to the property owners than present access.

If the driveway connection is approved by Walgreen's and its location is supported by a focused traffic analysis, the plan will be considered at staff level.

## Obituary

### Teresita Martinez

Teresita Martinez, a homemaker, died of natural causes Oct. 2 at her home in Albany. She was 72. The New Mexico native was a 42-year resident of Albany.

She is survived by her husband Selso Martinez of Albany; daughters Maria Pereda of Fremont, Margarita Jones of Alameda, Lorrie Mandorao of Pinole, Rose Gibson

of Hercules; son Ed Martinez of San Bruno; mother Celsa Baca of Los Banos; seven sisters, three brothers and six grandchildren.

A vigil was held Sunday, Oct. 6, at Ellis-Olson Mortuary, Albany, and a funeral mass Monday, Oct. 7, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, El Cerrito.

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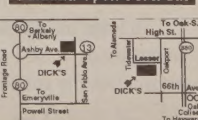
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increases (over which I have no control) that continually eat into my income. I am quite willing to vote for the proposed assessment to help the city meet residents' needs.

As a regular observer of City Council meetings for more than five years for the local League of Women Voters, I am well aware of city finances and the budgeting procedures. I have attended public budget study sessions of the council when not more than a handful of citizens were present to hear details of finances many now question. I also served on the Neighbor-to-Neighbor citizen task force that studied the financing of city services.

There is no question in my mind that the services residents indicated they wanted in recent surveys will be provided by this assessment. By funding the Fire Department with this assessment, general fund money will be available for Police Department, library hours, some vitally needed deferred maintenance, and, I hope, a volunteer coordinator. The provision for the latter is one of the best cost-effective decisions needed.

The City Council of El Cerrito has made a wise decision in putting this measure on the ballot. They are aware of other assessments from other districts that

affect El Cerrito residents, but they are acting courageously to give residents the opportunity to maintain city services vital to all of us.

Denise Fleig  
El Cerrito

## Plaza needs commitments

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to the El Cerrito City Council:

As a tenant at El Cerrito Plaza for more than four years, I would like to express my views of the seven proposals for Plaza redevelopment.

First and foremost, the tax-paying residents of El Cerrito deserve a plan that will make up for the tax revenue lost when the Emporium closed. El Cerrito residents want tax reductions, not increases. Tax revenue calculations should be made for each of the seven proposals. It is obvious that the proposals promoting multi-screen theaters and/or housing units will not come close to making up the lost revenue. It would appear that the only proposal that will reduce the taxpayers' burden is a multi-department store like Wal-Mart.

Secondly, the existing small businesses at the Plaza need a proposal that can be implemented quickly to increase the number of shoppers at the Plaza. Some

proposals would relocate these businesses during construction. That will be the final death blow for these businesses.

Thirdly, do these seven organizations who have submitted proposals have written commitments from the major tenants listed in their proposals? Without written commitments these proposals are only dreams. We need commitments, not dreams.

I hope that the council will address these three issues and advise the residents of El Cerrito and the Plaza tenants of your finding.

Edwin O. Brown, District Manager,  
FastServ Medical, El Cerrito Plaza

## Albany assessment too vague

Editor:

We have filed a protest against the formation of Albany Assessment District No. 1996-1. The open space, recreational playfield and creek restoration — and the levy of a \$69 annual assessment.

We have asked Albany's city clerk to read our letter of protest during an Oct. 7 public meeting and the Oct. 21 City Council public hearing.

The description of what the assessment district will do is too vague. It does not list specific projects and costs. It does not list a date on which the proposed assessment will sunset, which indicates that current and future councils could collect the \$69 annual tax indefinitely and expand or change the purpose for

which it will be used.

Along with new school and sewer taxes, as well as increased garbage and yard waste charges, it makes the cost of living in Albany much more difficult for homeowners (including seniors), as well as young families hoping to move into our community.

Ralph M. Hahn  
Karen M. Hahn

## Welcome to list of safety needs

Editor:

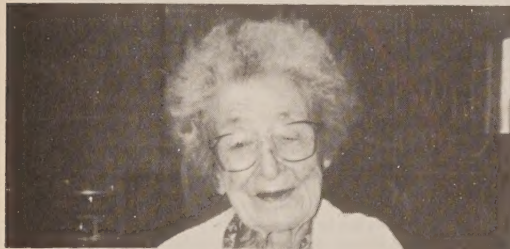
I would like to welcome Linda Fellers as the new Cerrito Police Chief, and wish her all the best. Linda's office will be in the outdated Public Safety Building at Manila and San Pablo, which houses our Police and Fire Services. This building needs substantial modifications to accommodate female officers and firefighters. Also, its heating, cooling, ventilation systems are obsolete. The building's spaces and dormitories are cramped and overcrowded. However, the city does not have the funds to do the needed remodeling.

According to a recent engineering study, the building requires extensive seismic upgrading to protect

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# SENIOR LIVING

## Emma Anderson Celebrates 105th Birthday



Emma Caroline Hanson Anderson, who lives in the Skilled Nursing Care Center at Salem Lutheran Home, was born October 12, 1891. Her humor, creativity and *joie de vivre* are a source of light to staff and residents alike.

Born in a log cabin in Minnesota, Emma grew up on the farm along with her par-

ents and six siblings. Her favorite memories include driving the team of horses to plow the fields. Of course, delivering milk to the creamery by horse and cart are remembered with fondness as well.

At eighteen, Emma attended Seminary in Willmar, MN. Then, in 1915, she met and married Oscar W. Anderson in

Willmar. Emma says those years were the happiest years of her life. In Valley City, N.D., they had four children: Orbin, Connie, Phyllis and Dean. Today, she proudly tells of her eighteen grandchildren.

Emma's life is filled with wonderful stories of travel, family, church and serving others. Sampling different careers along the way, Emma settled in California in 1945 and turned to nursing. Emma devoted her time to caring for others as a "live in" nurse and cook. Among her many talents, cooking shone brightly. For those lucky individuals who tasted her creations, legend holds that the cinnamon rolls reigned supreme.

When asked to what she attributes her long life, she replied, "It's God's will that I have lived so long." As for the future—"take that one day at a time."

We at Salem Lutheran Home wish Emma good health and well-being. Happy Birthday, Emma, we love you.

By Janet Adams

## Generations Help Each Other Grow

Combining coffee cup walkers with juice bottles, strollers, a new day care program in Minneapolis, Minn. has changed the face of the And it's got a few wrinkles.

In the fall of 1995, the Oliver Day Services opened one of the nation's first day centers designed specifically to integrate young children and seniors who participate in intergenerational programs.

"It's one of the most delightful experiences of my life," said Donna Wood, 71, who comes to the center each day with her 14-month-old granddaughter. "The other senior citizens have fun, but it's the children who keep us all young."

Each generation has a different core program, but action is definitely emphasized. Seniors probably don't "sing 'The Wheels on the Bus,'" but they share activities such as singing, story games and field trips daily.

An outreach program at Mount Oliver Lutheran Church, the nondenominational day service program is out of a need to serve increasingly older people in the neighborhood, according to Mari Carlson, director of development for the church.

"We wanted to develop a program that would allow grandpa and grandma to live independently as long as possible," Carlson said. "The wonder about all these children whose grandparents live far away—the children don't regularly receive unconditional love that a grandparent can give. We combine the two."

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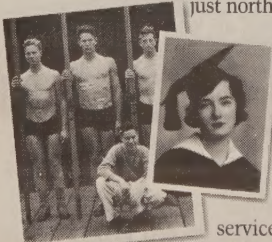
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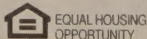
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## An update on the plaza and a look at Prop. 218's local impact

In this article I want to address the topics. First, I want to update you on what is happening at El Cerrito Plaza. The Redevelopment Agency met on Oct. 7 and took comment on the seven proposals for the Plaza. We will have a meeting on Oct. 28 and 29 to discuss each of the proposals further. At that meeting we will ask the developers to present further comments on their proposals and discuss issues concerning financing and phasing of the development.

We also decided that we would schedule meetings concerning the Plaza on different nights from the regular business of the Council or Redevelopment Agency in order to ensure that we have adequate time to address the issues. We found that even on "night agenda" night of Oct. 7, we did not get to the Plaza portion of the Redevelopment agenda until after 10:00 p.m., which is later than we wanted.

I also feel it is important to address the issue of what will happen with the existing tenants. Some of them have come to me to ask if they will be thrown out of the Plaza should the agency choose a developer who is not Mr. Bilak or Mr. Pentz, the current owner of half the Plaza and current holder of an option on the other half, respectively.

No merchant will be simply thrown out onto the street under any plan we may ultimately choose. The issue of relocating current tenants will be part of any agreement with the Redevelopment Agency. That is not and should not be an issue of concern because we will address it in a positive way.

The second issue I want to discuss is the impact of state Proposition 218 on Redevelopment. Prop. 218 is the latest Jarvis-Gann proposal. It will radically change how cities finance their services. Although it is called the "Right to Vote" initiative, it sets up a new

system for voting on parcel assessments.

Under Prop. 218, only people who own property in a city will get the vote on a property assessment. Residents who rent will not have a right to vote. Absentee property owners, including non-citizens of the United States, will get a right to vote. Moreover, under Prop. 218, the votes of the property owners are weighted. The more property one owns, the more votes one gets. Hence, a non-resident property owner, who owns a lot of commercial property will get more votes than a resident who owns his or her own home.

Furthermore, Prop. 218 requires that a vote on any property assessment must be taken annually. Each year the city will have to mail a ballot to the property owner. If a majority of property owners (with weighted ballots) vote down the assessment, it is eliminated. Hence, relying on any assessment in devel-

oping a responsible budget for a city will be difficult, if not impossible.

In El Cerrito we have a two-year rolling budget so we can be fiscally responsible. Given the uncertainties over whether an assessment would be approved the next year, this means that we could not use a property assessment in planning our budget. It is the equivalent to the bank holding your mortgage being able to decide at the end of each year whether it will demand a balloon payment for the remaining balance of the mortgage on the first of the new year. One can imagine how one could plan a household budget with that uncertainty.

What does this mean for Redevelopment? I think that as with Proposition 13, there will be unintended consequences. We have seen that Prop. 13 shifted control of our local schools to the state because local tax funding dried up under Prop. 13. Now most of the funding

### El Cerrito Redevelopment Report By Norman La Force, Redevelopment agency chair



for local districts comes from the state budget.

I think Prop. 218 will force cities to do more redevelopment projects because it will be the only way to increase property values and property taxes. Under redevelopment the redeveloped property increases in value, which increases the amount of property tax owed. This is the tax increment. Redevelopment will be the only way to increase the tax value on property.

Prop. 218 will also increase the drive of cities for sales tax revenue because that will be the only source of revenue left open to cities like El Cerrito without going through the cumbersome voting procedures

Prop. 218 will establish for any kind of assessment or tax. Cities will be forced to look to large-scale development projects as a way to pay for essential services. To give one an idea of what this could mean, recall that the Emporium store brought \$250,000 in sales tax revenue to El Cerrito. For us to pay for the entire fire department budget of \$2.5 million, we would need five Emporium stores with their parking lots to generate sales tax revenue to equal the fire department budget.

I think it is ironic that the Jarvis-Gann organization has sponsored Prop. 218 because it also opposes the use of redevelopment in California. If

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# SENIOR LIVING

## Be An Informed Consumer

Advances in medicine and improvements in education, nutrition, exercise, and monitoring and treatment of one's health problems have dramatically increased the number of older persons in our community. But the changes that come with aging continue to vary, from one person to the next. A large number of older people retain good health and lead active lives well into their 80s and often now into their 90s. For others, however, increasing age has brought problems with being able to manage the activities of daily living. For these individuals, thought has to be given to what kinds of support services they need to remain at home. Or, if they cannot remain at home, what type of living situa-

tion should they consider moving to. The Bay Area is rich in resources for its senior citizens. Some people may be able to remain at home by simply adding attendant care several days a week to do shopping, cleaning, laundry and some assistance with personal care. Most communities have home delivered meal programs which provide one or two meals a day, five days a week. Home health agencies can provide skilled home care services which are usually covered by Medicare, private insurance and Medi-Cal. The latter services need to be ordered by your physician and are usually related to an acute medical problem requiring help for a one- to two-month period in your home. In addition to in-home services, most Bay Area communities have out-of-home services to help an older person remain at home. These include adult day care programs (one- to five days a week programs which include medically supervised activities, meals, and transportation); nutrition site programs (hot lunch programs), and specialized transportation programs for seniors with mobility problems.

For some seniors, there may come a time that it is no longer safe to be at home. The individual and his family may need to look at alternative living situations such as senior housing programs, usually operated by cities or nonprofit groups. The latter may either provide small apartments where the residents are independent, or assisted living situations where

the residents have separate units but eat in a central dining facility two or three times a day. A second alternative would be board and care homes. These are usually small, family-like settings where a resident has a single or double room and meals are provided along with laundry and supervision by the owners of the home.

A third alternative is skilled nursing facilities (SNF), where assistance with walking, bathing, getting dressed, eating, medical services, physical therapy will be provided. SNFs are also required to provide recreational activities for the residents.

Selecting an alternative living situation is a major family decision and whenever possible the older person's wishes should take priority. When one is looking for a facility, an attempt should be made to find one near where family, friends, and the person's physician can visit regularly and easily. Persons involved in the selection should visit several facilities and

try to visit during the day and evening. The most important service to be measured in a SNF is how the staff treat the residents. This will largely determine the quality of life for the older person and how he or she will respond to the therapy provided.

When a person enters a SNF, they will be asked to name a person to be a surrogate for making medical decisions if they were to become incapacitated. Since December 1, 1991, California residents have been asked to complete a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care or a Health Care Directive. With either document, the individual is being asked to indicate what his wishes are regarding life prolonging medical treatment and they are asked to designate a surrogate decision maker. Completion of this legal document can help

assure that the individual will receive the kind of care he would wish and also helps family members be clear about what their loved ones would have wanted if they could speak for themselves.

Help in selecting an alternative living situation for a senior is available from a number of sources in the Bay Area. If the person is in a hospital, the social work department will usually be involved in helping the individual and family review alternatives. If the person is at home, the Area Agency on Aging, Senior Information Line, can be contacted for an appropriate referral. Making the right decision for each individual based on his or her needs is what should occur for everyone. Involving the resources available in the Bay Area will make this task easier.

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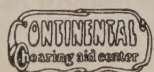


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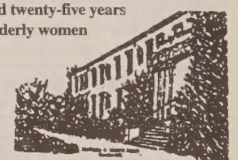
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## 385 Colusa Avenue a new member

A restaurant that "has it all" is the 385 Colusa Avenue Restaurant, located at this address in Kensington. This restaurant has become a popular location for dining and a great happy hour. Managed by a "Mr. and Mrs. Team," Rosana Brito and her husband, Silvo Barosa, the couple have managed to make the restaurant one of the East Bay's outstanding places to dine and meet friends. Owner is Sales Valadao, who owns the Mr. Pizzaman restaurants throughout the Bay Area.

Rosana usually acts as host, overseeing all guests, making certain they are taken care of with every detail. A sus chef from San Francisco, Silvo runs the kitchen, overseeing all food preparation. Servers are trained by Tosana and head bartender and assistant manager, Maz Luy, making sure all servers are friendly, personal and most attentive. Guests must receive the utmost personal service, according to Rosana.

When first occupying the restaurant site, Rosana turned it into a festive and warm atmosphere, bringing in paintings by Ilana Goldnor, and using matching wall covering and a floral arrangement used as a centerpiece for the main dining room. The arrangement was designed by Rosemary Brito, Rosana's sister.

Noted for its Brazilian specialties, the restaurant brings customers from all over the Bay Area. They dine on appetizers, soups, salads, pasta, gourmet pizza, and both American entrees and Brazilian specialties. There is a special bar menu that includes appetizers, sandwiches, and traditional and Brazilian drinks. Delivery of pizza is also available.

Guests may begin their dining experience with one of the nine



Silvo Barosa, Jr. and Rosana Brito of the 385 Colusa Avenue Restaurant

special Brazilian drinks. There is Caipirinha, "the Brazilian national drink," Lambada Dip, Samba-Rise, Mango-Mamba, and Luy's Hot Mango Temptation, made of Luy's coffee blend, Kahlua, Tuaca, and a scoop of mango ice cream topped with whipped cream and lady fingers with chocolate flakes and others.

The bar menu offers a choice of tapas, salad, sandwich, soup of the day, garlic bread, mozzarella sticks, onion rings, garlic fries and buffalo wings. Like all the dishes served, tapas are generously portioned. Many come with a hot, puckering, pungent dipping sauce.

Your choice of wine is plentiful for both dining or pleasure. Luy includes espresso, cappuccino and cafezinho. Besides the daily specials, entrees include six continental and 14 Brazilian specialties, eight pasta

dishes and a variety of pizza. For dessert one may select Brazilian pudding, fresh fruit with homemade tropical sauce or other tasties to end the meal.

Rosana and Silvo met through the Lambada dance craze in 1989 when she managed the Bahia Tropical Brazilian Club where Silvo was the sus chef. Rosana coordinated all club entertainment, bringing in live music and dance shows.

Rosana had the honor to have been chosen queen of the San Francisco Street Carnival in 1992, a carnival featuring many different cultures. As a contestant she danced wearing a Brazilian costume. The criteria for selecting the queen was based on the one who portrayed the best carnival spirit. Once you meet Rosana you immediately discover her warm and vivacious personality gives the feeling you have known her

forever.

Since there is little leisure time for the couple, they spend many of these moments planning the restaurant's future.

"Once we get an entertainment license, we will have live music, dinner shows and dance lessons," Rosana said. When they do escape, they enjoy fishing, camping, going to a beach, working out and especially dancing.

The restaurant opens daily at noon. Phone 526-1500.

### Pumpkins galore

Forty-five hundred pumpkins, jack-o-latern size, have been delivered to the Albany Safeway Store, which is asking the lowest price for pumpkins in the area.

The pumpkin patch has both orange and white varieties. Last year the store had the same amount of pumpkins available and sold out two days before Halloween.

### Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



Store manager Nile Godfrey (from left) Justine McKone, a first grader at Marin School, and produce clerk Anthony Golden show off the new shipment of holiday pumpkins.

## El Cerrito offers classes

EL CERRITO — The City of El Cerrito, located at 7007 Moers Lane, will be offering a new series of classes, as follows:

Dancercise, Mondays, Nov. 4-Nov. 25, 9-10 a.m.; fee \$20; Dolores Hellman, instructor.  
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Nov. 18-Dec. 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; fee \$25; Avon Manney, instructor.  
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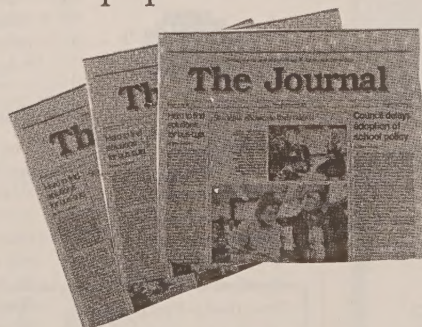
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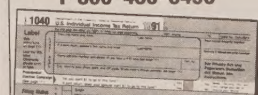
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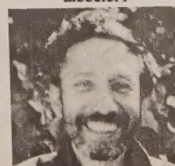
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Berkeley - North Shattuck Village, AKA Gourmet Ghetto, has a new look. For the past three months the City of Berkeley has been planting trees and widening the street. The new and improved "Shopper Friendly" Shattuck Avenue will be the site of the third annual "Market Day/Sidewalk Sale" and Wacky Dog Parade on Saturday, October 26th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Scores of unique shops, restaurants, bistros, retail stores and services that line one of the East Bay's most popular and distinctive destination points will flow onto the new and improved sidewalks with bargains and culinary delights. Martin Snapp will be joined by Country Joe McDonald and Mayor Dean's assistant Tamlyn Bright in judging the Wacky Dog Parade & contest. Marching bands and street performers will entertain.

### Gathering Along Shattuck Avenue's Gourmet Ghetto

If you love franchise food you should do your holiday shopping



at The Great Mall, but if you like to break up your holiday shopping with different and unique culinary delights then Shattuck Avenue is for you. The Char Coterie called Pig By The Cheeseboard (now the Cheeseboard) is no more than a delicious memory, but Alice Water's **Chez Panisse** is going strong. The birthplace of California cuisine is now entering its 26th year and is responsible for giving the Bay Area and the world a third generation of celebrity chefs.

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Education Foundation as well as making donations of 24 freshly baked loaves of bread and five logs of cream cheese to Dorothy Day House.

After the gourmet has gathered, the cheese and bread they can walk to Shattuck Avenue to the North Berkeley **Wine Company**. The Wine Company has its own import license and its representatives travel the vineyards of California and taste the very finest reserve wines, barrels and overseeing the bottling of the very own North Berkeley Reserve label. North Berkeley Wine Company insists these fine wines are not filtered or fined.

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## Not On Shattuck Avenue Then Probably Don't Need It

Rose and Delaware Streets there are scores of shops, services, salons, bistros, bars, cafes and restaurants. No trip to the Gourmet Ghetto is complete without the many special emporiums in Walnut Square and Commons. Papyrus at 1481 Shattuck is a whole dedicated to all things paper. M. Lowe & Company at Shattuck features unique antique and contemporary jewelry bother with Circuit City and a mass of human lem-when you can get the very best electronics and terrific Dale Sanford's TV & Video located at 1509 Shattuck. Among the numerous chic designer apparel shops Shattuck Avenue is the brand new Bienvenue at 1525 Shattuck. Leslie is expecting many customers who used to her campus location for the last 12 years to check out deals on Market Day's Sidewalk Sale. You may want to stop on your vitamins before the Wacky Dog Parade at Express located at 1400 Shattuck and after your dog ribbon you can celebrate by treating yourself to a nibble at the Vine Street Salon at 2118 Vine Street. The Gourmet Ghetto will fall in love with the whole mood. They can check it out further at Mason at 1539 Shattuck, or Coldwell Banker, 1677

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# Okawachi

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member of the community. When her children were little, she worked with PTA, Athletic Boosters, Music Boosters, Little League, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. She ran her own typograph business in Albany for 27 years, retiring two years ago. She served as President of the Albany Chamber of Commerce from 1993 to 1994. She was named Albany Citizen of the Year twice, once in 1990 and again in 1994.

Okawachi co-chaired the successful 1993 school bond campaign, and has since worked on the School Facilities Committee. Her decades of volunteer work for the Albany schools led the school board in 1995 to nominate her for the Alameda County Friend of Education Award. She won.

With this record of service, Okawachi feels that running for School Board is a logical step. However, she initially felt some hesitation about running. She didn't want to relinquish her involvement in organizations she feels are vital to the welfare of children in Albany, groups like the Albany Education Foundation and the Albany Teen Coalition, where she is on the Board of Directors, or the Albany Prevention Council, which she chairs.

She now believes that she can find time for all of these things and work effectively on the school board as well.

She was out of town last August when the initial filing deadline for candidates passed, and that is why she must run as a write-in candidate. Okawachi acknowledges that this puts her at a disadvantage. Write-in candidacies are almost unheard of in Albany.

However, Okawachi has clearly built a remarkable rapport with the present Albany educational community. Her campaign committee includes three current school board members, several present and former PTA officers, members of the Albany Education Foundation, and other well-known Albany activists.

With such support behind her, how would she vote on issues before the school board today? For example, what about the Albany Teachers' Association (ATA) demand for higher salaries?

Okawachi answers in general terms, pointing out that she can more carefully study the budget once she is elected. "No doubt they deserve more money," she says of the teachers. "But, as I have told the ATA, I don't know yet how much state money is earmarked for special purposes. Money that isn't earmarked can go to the teachers, in my view."

Being a business owner taught her to be cautious about finances, she says. "I wouldn't have stayed in business as long as I did if I didn't know how to evaluate plans for spending money. You have to ask yourself, can I afford this new piece of equipment? When can I afford it? I'm confident that I have the fiscal knowledge to make prudent decisions for the district."

About priorities for the bond money she helped the district acquire, she answers directly and without hesitation. She wants to see the new Middle School built, as quickly and efficiently as possible.

"There's a lot of confusion about the bond money and what it can be used for," she says. "We are seriously short of classroom space, particularly now, when we are decreasing class sizes at the early grade levels and want to decrease class sizes in the upper grades as well. It's just not acceptable to partition the libraries and put classes in there."

There's also a matter of equity, she says. "The students at Vista and MacGregor need a school setting the equal of Marin or Cornell. The continuation high school, too, needs adequate housing. Converting the present middle school to those uses makes a lot of sense and gives that part of the city an elementary school comparable to the others."

Okawachi feels that the school board needs a good working relationship with the city of Albany, and regrets the tensions that have arisen over the middle school.

"I would like to act as a liaison between the school board and the city," she says. "I've worked with the city many times before, as a business owner, and I think I understand how they view things."

Her most recent work with the city, on the Youth Master Plan Task Force, has put her in touch with many Albany citizens who are concerned about the future of young people in the community.

She acknowledges that parents are worried about seismic safety in the schools. For example, the high school building she graduated from is essentially the same building 50 years later. It is not scheduled for seismic retrofit until 2002.

"If there's enough money, I'd like to see the high school retrofit begin before the middle school is finished. But I don't know if there's enough money to do it in that order."

Over time, she believes, the bond will generate funds enough to build the middle school and to retrofit as needed.

"Cornell's retrofit — the roof — starts next summer, as soon as school is out. I think parents' fears about that building should be allayed by that action," she says.

However, she's as much concerned about what is happening inside the buildings as she is about the buildings themselves. She would like to see the high school institute more job-training programs for students who don't plan to go to college.

"For example, there's a whole new world of computer graphics and robotics. We can't always restore old programs, but we can look carefully at establishing some new ones."

She also supports affirmative action and school programs that have been developed to address problems of racial inequality. For this reason, she opposes the state's Proposition 209, which would put such programs in jeopardy.

It all adds up, says Okawachi, to caring about the way young people are taught.

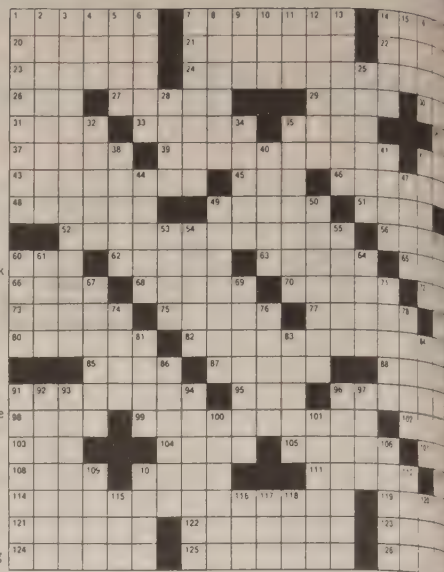
"We always have to care about the impact of our decisions on the kids," she says, passion breaking through her quiet, even-tempered manner. "I'm running for school board because I care about the young people of Albany. Everything I've done so far has been for them. I care about the kids and I'll do my best for them. What more can I say?"

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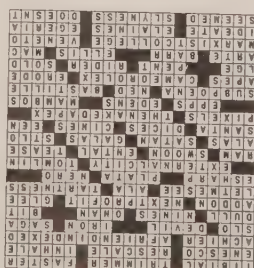
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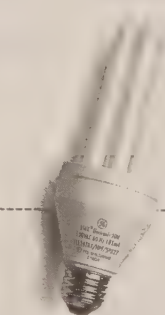
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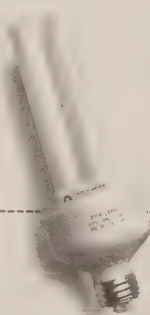


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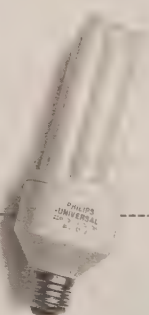
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## Albany PTA Council News

### Activities bulletin

This week's column looks more like a bulletin board. Lots of separate items, all of them important:

• **Albany High School PTA** seeks more memberships. Unlike PTA's at the elementaries or middle school, AHS PTA holds no fundraisers. They are entirely dependent on membership funds to support programs and scholarships. If you have a student at AHS, please take the time now to return the membership form along with your dues. If your employers provide matching funds, please let them know about your AHS PTA donation.

• Last Monday night, **Albany PTA Council** voted to oppose Proposition 209, the state's "Civil Rights" initiative. The vote does not bind member PTA groups, who are free to support, oppose, or remain neutral.

• Tonight, Oct. 17, **Vista-MacGregor PTA** will discuss earthquake preparation. They meet at 7 p.m. at MacGregor. They will also plan for the PTA fund-raiser, the Walkathon, to be held at Cougar Field on Saturday, Oct. 19.

• Also tonight, **Cornell PTA** meets at 7:30 p.m., in the Cornell Library.

• **Albany High School Homecoming** activities continue tomorrow, Oct. 18. A parade begins at 2 p.m., followed by the game at 3:30

and a dance from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the high school.

• **The Albany Education Foundation** thanks the community for its strong support at the recent Ice Cream Social fund-raiser. The AEF will soon be reviewing mini-grant applications from Albany school faculty. Last year over \$6,000 was granted to individual teachers for purchases that included everything from a red wagon for the Children's Center to a set of graphing calculators for Albany High School.

• **Families for Multicultural Education** needs volunteers to help deliver flyers urging voters to vote "No" on Proposition 209. Flyers will be delivered on Oct. 26 and 27. Volunteers will meet at 1320 Solano Avenue, Ste. 200 (at Pomona Street, side entrance). Volunteers are also needed for phone-banking on Tuesday nights, 6:30 p.m., at the above address. People interested in aiding this campaign may call 526-0369 for more information.

• Candidates for the two open seats on the **Albany School Board** will speak at Candidates' Night, Oct. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Albany Community Center. The event is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the Albany Teachers' Association, and the West County Times.

• **Albany School Board** meets on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 in the Cornell Multi-Use Room.

## El Cerrito radio station features parents programs

EL CERRITO—KECG-FM, 88.1 and 89.9, is the current home of three radio programs for parents:

• **ParentTalk Radio** airs every Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. It's hosted by Peggy Stein, parent, educator, and journalist. Each program focuses on current topics of interest to parents. Current topics of interest include child development, effective discipline, communication skills, educational success, family relationships, home and child safety issues, and many more.

• **Father Time** airs every Saturday morning from 11 a.m. to noon. It's hosted by Doug Spangler, author, parent and parenting consultant. This upbeat program provides down-to-earth information to help men be-

come more effective fathers.

• **La Hora Familiar** airs every Friday evening from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. It's hosted by Martha Cueva, educator and parent. This program, presented entirely in Spanish, is designed for the parenting needs of the Latino community.

These programs are sponsored by the West Contra Costa Unified School District's Parent/Family Centers, Bilingual Education, and State Preschool (Consolidated Programs); Richmond Adult School; Health Education/D.A.T.E. Programs; and the English Action Center.

KECG-FM, owned by the WCCUSD, is dedicated to educational and community-oriented programming.

## Hilltop hosts children's art

Budding young DaVincis, Monets and O'Keefes will have a chance to demonstrate their artistic talents in October at Hilltop shopping center's third annual "ImageMe" event.

ImageMe will take place on Saturdays—Oct. 19 and 26—from noon to 5 p.m. in Hilltop's Grand Court. This year's theme is "My Best Friend." Children will be encouraged to draw real or imaginary pals, and will receive assistance from professional artists chosen by the Richmond Art Center.

"ImageMe is not a competition, but a chance for children to express

themselves artistically," says Diana Jan-Coelho, Hilltop's Marketing Director.

"Children are by nature extremely creative, and ImageMe is the perfect outlet for that creativity."

When the drawings are completed, they'll be displayed in a special "gallery" at Hilltop. Roscoe Orman ("Gordon" on Sesame Street) will be on hand Nov. 23 to unveil the gallery.

Hilltop shopping center is located in Richmond on Hilltop Drive, west of I-80. Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

## West County School Watch

### City councils endorse Measure E

By Glen Price

In separate actions, the city councils of El Cerrito and San Pablo voted unanimously on Oct. 7 to support Measure E on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Measure E asks voters to continue an existing \$72 assessment which provides the West County school district with \$5 million in annual revenue.

In El Cerrito, councilmember and 1995-96 Teacher of the Year award-winner Jane Bartke said, "I think it is significant that it is Measure 'E' because it really is the measure for education. If this does not pass, all of the exciting things we have accomplished in the last few years will be lost." Bartke teaches at Adams Middle School. Councilmember Norman La Force added, "Nothing affects our property values more than the quality of schools, so this measure really is in the best interest of all members of the community."

In San Pablo, Public Employees Union representative Sandra Falk called upon the council to endorse the measure to spare students and employees more painful cuts in educational and maintenance programs.

With the endorsements of the city councils of San Pablo and El Cerrito, For the Children of West County, the independent political action committee formed to seek passage of Measure, announced that all five West County city councils have actively endorsed the measure. Earlier this month, the city council of Pinole voted to

support the measure, and on Sept. 24 both the city councils of Richmond and Hercules supported it unanimously.

Measure E is also supported by the 32nd District PTA Executive Board, the League of Women Voters, all five school board members, the United Teachers of Richmond, PEU Local 1, and many other community and neighborhood leaders.

### Parent Saturday a success

Portola Middle School computer science and math teacher Ken Brewer reports that the "Parent Saturday" event held Oct. 12 was a great success, with a big turnout of the school's parents. A similar program will be held in the spring for parents of students coming into the school.

Brewer has recently executed a survey at Portola of extracurricular services and activities available to students which include: a college readiness program, MESA, TRY, RSP outreach and support, a study resource center available after school between 2:45 and 3:45, computer club, chess club, shop activities, instrumental band tutoring, P.E. programs and more.

Parents and students interested in more information should contact the school office.

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218 passes, it will spur the use of redevelopment because cities will have no other alternatives for finding the funds to pay for essential city services.

Passage of Prop. 218 will also probably result in cities and counties looking to the state for financial assistance, just as our schools did after Prop. 13 passed. As with Prop. 13, we will see a loss of local control over the financing of basic city services.

We have already seen this happen. After taking over \$3 million

in property and sales tax revenues from El Cerrito alone over the past three years, the state decided this year to return \$54,000 to El Cerrito for police functions. To get that paltry sum, we had to meet a long list of criteria that the state established and had to guarantee that the money would only be used for those police activities the state approved of. We did what we had to do to get the money, but we had to jump through a string of new hoops for a very small amount of money. One can imagine what the requirements will be like for larger sums.

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# Fall on Fourth Street

## Fourth Street: The Development of a Unique Shopping District

By Dawn Frasier

Architects and city planners all over the country are looking for the secret to satisfying urban living.

Berkeley developers Denny Abrams and Rick Millikan (Abrams, Millikan & Associates) seem to have discovered at least one aspect of that secret in their planning and developing of Berkeley's Fourth Street shopping district.

The street has gained a national reputation. Regionally, it was named

along with four other California cities as one of "Eleven Great Streets of the West," by Sunset Magazine.

Whatever enthusiastic shoppers are seeking out, they'll be doing it in shops that have been handpicked from among many applicants.

Abrams and Millikan don't believe in settling for the highest bidder.

Their strategy is to develop the district in a wholesome, cohesive urban way, bringing in businesses "that have the ability to generate their own

traffic."

"The basic philosophy is that the store has to be interesting," says Abrams.

"We don't want anyone that lives off the street. Instead, everyone helps to create it."

The overall goal for his mix is a shopping area oriented to the home and design, he says, "with a few clothing shops for interest."

"The last thing I want to do is create a shopping area that's like you'd find at every third freeway stop," says Abrams.

He believes a street area that encourages social interaction is an important element in "restoring the urban fabric."

Shopping is already a public experience, he says.

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As a woman, a director and an actor, Maya Roth says 'Our Country's Good' is what she's been looking for.

## Australian stories inspire UC director

By Carol Egan

Maya Roth, a graduate student in UC Berkeley's Department of Dramatic Art has directed 10 plays over the past four years. She expects this will be her last, for she has plans to finish up her studies and her dissertation by the end of next year.

Interviewed recently about her upcoming production of Timberlake Wertenbaker's play *Our Country's Good*, Roth explained why she chose this work.

"It's a great play, and I think Timberlake Wertenbaker (an American woman who lives a great part of the time in England) is one of our finest living playwrights. I love the fact that it's an ensemble cast and it follows many peoples' stories. It also contains strong and varied roles for women."

"As a woman director, and having been an actor myself, that's something I look for."

The play depicts members of the first penal colony sent from England to New South Wales (now Australia) in the late

1700s. Wertenbaker based her material on Thomas Keneally's novel, *The Playmaker* and historian Robert Hughes' *The Fatal Shore*. Its 23 roles will be performed by 14 actors who portray convicts, officers and aborigines.

The action of *Our Country's Good* centers around a play-within-a-play situation. It is based on a real-life incident of a production of Farquhar's *The Recruiting Officer*, which was rehearsed and performed by convicts under the direction of an officer. One of the prisoner cast members, Robert Sidaway, later went on to found Australia's first theatre, Sidaway Theatre in Sydney.

"The officer who becomes the director of this production kept a dream journal which was published after his death," Roth explains. This officer, Ralph Clark, eventually returned to England but is memorialized in Australia by an island named for him. Ironically the actor playing this role, Australian Jake Blundell (he has appeared in several films, most recently with Sarah Bernhardt in *Dallas Doll*), had visited Clark's Island without knowing the origin of its name.

How to create community is a central theme in the work, and the putting on of a play is, Roth believes, a metaphor for the



Joel Kapra

Cherise Booth as Duckling and Sean McMeekin as Harry in 'Our Country's Good.'

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### East Bay Events



### Wall Street story

Ensemble of Berkeley presents the comedy-drama 'Other People's Money,' the story of 'Wall Street vs. Main Street' beginning Friday at 8 p.m. at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck. The play runs Friday and Saturday evenings through Nov. 16, with a Sunday evening performance Nov. 7. For reservations call 528-2200. Above, actors Carolyn Cox, Margaret Gudmundsson, John Miller and Irv Siegel.

### Spice benefit at City Club

Some of the Bay Area's best musicians will be performing at Gourmet Spectations, an Oct. 20 extravaganza at the Berkeley City Club organized to help fund care for needy patients of Visiting Nurse Association Hospice of Northern California.

In addition to sampling gourmet foods and drink from many of the Bay Area's finest restaurants, food purveyors, wineries and micro breweries, guests can dance to the jazz sounds of Mal Sharpe's Big Money in Oakland, a well known Bay Area group that performs regularly in Oakland's famous No Name Bar.

The Hot Club will offer its own fresh style and interpretation to the jazz musical tradition of Gypsy Jazz. The group bases its sounds on the work of the famed Hot Club de France which featured gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt and fiddler Stephane Grappelli. They have been called "swooping fiddle lines, swinging rhythm and marvelously fluid jazz. A treasure, presenting fine, distinctive jazz, beautifully played."

For those who prefer to just sit back and enjoy the music, in addition to the main stage there are three separate artists performing in separate rooms.

Classically trained Harpist Mitch Landy will play traditional and contemporary folk music in the style that earned him a prize at the 1995 International Jazz and Harp Festival.

Composer/Pianist Eric Berman, who is also a member of the Reggae band "Steel and Ivory," will play Latin jazz.

Pianist Alex Davis, a San Francisco music teacher and recording artist, will play classical selections and music from the '20s.

The \$60 donation includes food and wine tasting, music, dancing and guided tours of the Julia Morgan-designed Berkeley City Club. For event information, call 450-8582.

### Pooh seizes the day

Mark your calendars for "Pooh Day," a tribute to A.A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh, and the other inhabitants of the Hundred Acre Wood. The Teen Playreaders have planned an outdoor jubilee at Berkeley Public Library's North Branch, 1170 The Alameda, this Saturday afternoon at 3.

There will be performances of stories and poems by the Teen Playreaders, a series of interactive physical activities for the audience; a bouncing race (Tigger), a "Hoppity" contest (like Christopher Robin), a sing-along saxophone, and booths/tables where kids can sample Tigger's strengthening medicine, make Pooh's "hunny" pot out of clay, make a hand puppet, and play "Pin the tail on the Eeyore."

This project was conceived and in large part planned by the Teen Playreaders as a celebration of Pooh, intended for the young and for all Pooh appreciators. Call 644-6850 for more information.



### Melodious quartet

Cal Performances presents the highly acclaimed Melos Quartet at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20 at Hertz Hall. The Stuttgart-based ensemble, featuring Wilhelm Melcher (violin), Ida Bieler (violin), Hermann Voss (viola) and Peter Buck (cello), will perform a matinee chamber concert which includes Alban Berg's String Quartet Opus 3, Dvorak's Quartet No. 9 in D minor, Opus 24, and Schubert's Quartet in G major, Opus. Posth. D. 161.

The Melos Quartet — which derives its name from the German word meaning lyricism, harmony and musi-

city — ranks as one of the leading chamber ensembles in the world with a long-standing record of excellence in performances, recording and

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## Veteran journalist tells gay teen's story

■ 'Prayers for Bobby: A Mother's Coming to Terms With the Suicide of Her Gay Son,' by Leroy Aarons (HarperSan Francisco, paper \$12).

By Don McConnell

*Prayers for Bobby* is the story of several transformations. The two primary ones are Bobby Griffith's, who changes from a happy child with a rich imagination into a tor-



Journalist Leroy Aarons

mented 20-year-old who throws himself in front of a truck. The other is that of his mother, Mary, who, following Bobby's death, changes from a rigid fundamentalist into a crusader for acceptance of gays.

The story of Bobby Griffith is fairly well known, partly because it is an East Bay story. His parents met in Oakland and settled in Walnut Creek. Bobby's efforts to come to terms with his homosexuality took him to Berkeley and San Francisco before he moved to Oregon, where he died. His story was first brought to the public in a San Francisco Examiner article, and Mary Griffith first entered the public arena during the



Bobby and Mary Griffith in 1980.

of this saga (or seen Mary Griffith in one of her national TV appearances), but Leroy Aarons has retold the story with a force such that few who read it will come away unchanged.

Aarons begins the book with his own story, and it is also one that may be familiar: He was executive editor of the Oakland Tribune from 1983 to 1988.

The book's introduction tells of his conducting a survey on gay and lesbian journalists for the American Society of Newspaper Editors. Presenting the results to a ASNE conference in 1990, Aarons felt compelled to include the statement, "As an editor and a gay man . . ." thereby outing himself.

Shortly thereafter, he retired from the Tribune and founded the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, of which he is still president. Following his retirement from the Tribune, Aarons was looking for a book project, and an article in the gay magazine *The Advocate* led him to Bobby Griffith's story.

### Weaving two stories

The skill of a journalist is amply evident in *Prayers for Bobby*, which leads the reader forward in compelling fashion.

Aarons had two stories to tell, but he was aware that the first — Bobby's descent into virtually uninterrupted despair — would be hard for readers to stick with. Mary Griffith's story, though no less sear-

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## An 'encyclopedia of movement' graces Zellerbach

By Ariel Parkinson

For the third time now Ushio Amagatsu and the Sankai Juku dancers have brought ritual discussion of *Last Things to Zellerbach*. In *Yuragi*, the audience assists at an event that applies in some form to everyone: an intrusion at a given space and time which interrupts and threatens to destroy the modes of being of all creatures in the place where it occurs.

The stage floor is covered by a thin layer of white sand surrounded by black space so intense it seems a form. The black is evenly punctuated by transparent discs suspended on long cables. Tipped or twirled, they sustain movement, and they can be raised to form a geometric canopy. In this universe the sacramental emblem is a little flame of life — two white rabbits, mysterious, comfortable, each one elevated on a platform, which rests on a vessel, which is held aloft by a long staff.

The five figures of the dancers are as elemental as the set: five

white bodies, in white, gracefully draped and supple skirts. Heads are shaved. The heavy powder heightens the planes and articulation of the bodies; it reduces the eyes to slits, the mouth to an orifice. Four are young men, the fifth, Amagatsu, is much older. They are white, impersonal, and perfect against perfect black; all movement is precise and magnified. The argle of a palm, the crook or extension of a finger has mass.

In the first of five scenes the young men, quietly, effortlessly tip and spin the discs with long staves. In another they coagulate into a group that undulates like sea grass, or like feeding polyps. Suddenly, threateningly flecked with red at ears, hands, feet, they collapse concentrically, like the petals of a spent flower. In yet another scene they describe the intricate arcs and circles of birds wheeling through the air.

Amagatsu himself is an encyclopedia of the possibilities of movement. He shows the implications of everything — a gesture as tiny and exact as threading a



Dancers of Sankai Juku display the highly refined style of 'butoh.'

needle has cosmic weight. He is the Worrier; he feels Responsible. Youth is symmetry. Age is elaboration. Age suffers and fusses, its moves and positions characteristically slightly askew, and that too has quality.

Scene and action are incisively beautiful. The dancers deploy their bodies, change place and posture without pretension and with the certainty and grace of animals. The music — plucked instruments, percussion, great pulsing chords,

at one point the relative intimacy of piano — has corresponding elegance and scale. The staging and the technical support of set elements and light is inspired and flawless.

The piece builds to climax. The alien intrusion has its effect. Pain becomes anguish, and fear grows to terror. There is resolution of a kind.

At the very end the white rabbits in their scones are all that is visible. Light is life.



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Tickets are priced at \$26 and are available by calling 642-9988.

## The saga continues

Another episode of *A Good Lawyer* will be staged this Sunday at 5 and 7 p.m. at Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito. The situation comedy made for theater instead of television tells the story of a wholesome young man from a small town in South Dakota who comes to work as a lawyer in San Francisco. Of course, he ends up living next door to some of the most eccentric people on the planet. For reservations call 528-2416.

## Art from the hill

The Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery is currently featuring watercolors by Albany resident Carole Fitzgerald. The show, "Room at the Top," will run through Nov. 30. Inspired by the natural surroundings of Albany Hill, Fitzgerald began painting the plants and wildlife of this area in 1990. She quickly realized that painting the beautiful elements of nature that exist on the hill, such as wildflowers and monarch butterflies, was "a way to catch people's attention, and help them see the value of preserving the area in which they live."

## Gay teen

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ing, is ultimately a heartwarming one: Her activism not only showed her the way out of the debilitating guilt following Bobby's suicide, it seems to have revitalized the relationships in her family.

Aarons switches back and forth between the two stories, and it is a measure of his skill that the technique never becomes wearing, nor does putting the end at the beginning rob the rest of the tale of impact.

### Heart-rending diary

The heart of the book is a journal that Bobby kept from the age of 15 until a few days before his death. Its importance to the story is hard to overstate. It allows Bobby Griffith, who died seven years before Aarons began researching, to be a narrator of his own story. It had a devastating (and then transforming) effect on his mother, who read it after Bobby's death. And finally, the journal speaks to the readers of *Prayers* for Bobby with something approaching the force it had on Bobby's mother.

At age 16 he writes:

"I write this in hopes that one day, many years from now, I will be able to go back and remember what my life was like when I was a young and confused adolescent desperately trying to understand myself and the world I live in. At the rate I'm going right now, though, I seriously wonder if I'll live to be very old, that is if I will live past being a teenager."

At other times, this defeated

calmness (which would alarm any psychologist) was replaced with self-loathing and despair:

"I am evil and wicked. I want to spit vulgarities at everyone I see. I am dirt, harmful bacteria grows inside me. . . I was innocent, trusting, loving. The world has raped me till my insides are shredding and bleeding."

### How could it happen here?

An initial reaction to Bobby's story is amazement that a teenager could feel so ostracized while growing up only 25 miles from San Francisco, the most gay-tolerant city in the world. Or that Mary Griffith would have her homophobia regularly fueled by the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church. Presbyterians today tend to be notably liberal, despite the denomination's dour beginnings in Scotland.

When Aarons read from "Prayers" last month at Crown Books in Oakland, one of his audience was a former pastor of Montclair Presbyterian Church. He remarked that three members of the church's board of elders are gay and that recently, when determining who would be invited to the church as its interim pastor, the board wanted to be assured that the person chosen actively supports the congregation's gay-positive stance — which is at variance with the stated position of the United Presbyterian Church.

But it won't be news to anyone that the liberalism of the Bay Area has led to polarization. Nor that the acceptance afforded to minorities

## UC Drama

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possibility of roles and gaining mobility. "What the play suggests is that theatre can be an important social institution and, more importantly, that art and expression are important in peoples' lives."

The first wave of white settlers to reach Australia were a varied lot, "people who were so isolated from one another by circumstance, and also by values and experience." The first fleet consisted of 10 ships carrying about 800 prisoners, including several hundred women prisoners, a few children, officers who were sent to supervise the penal colony, and the governor, who saw his mission as trying to create a community out of the combination of convicts

and officers. The voyage to "The Other Side of Hell," as Australia was then called by the British, lasted nine months and was by all accounts horrendous.

The first fleet contained primarily petty criminals. "These prisoners were all convicted of theft, some as minor as stealing a chicken for food," says Roth. "One person stole a packet of snuff. None of these people were violent offenders. They were people who were poor." Roth finds the conflict within the situation very relevant to our time. "It was exciting to find a play that speaks to some of the social issues we're contending with now in terms of inequities in society."

As excited about her cast as she is about the play, Roth lauds their

work and commitment to the project. Two actors, Shawn Kairschner and Courtney Levine, participated in last summer's UCB Summer Old Globe Project in London. Kairschner, seen last year in *A Bright Room Called Day*, also found time to direct *The Lottery* during the summer lunchtime series.

Abby Atkinson played a major role in the recent production of *Working* while Rachelie Mendez interned last season with Berkeley Rep. Shana Furlow comes from Los Angeles where she appeared in many television shows before entering UC Berkeley. Cherise Booth and Dan Olmstead are also studying dance and appeared in last spring's dance concert series. Rocelyn Halili, who has been seen

in many UCB productions returned from a year in Europe where she studied at the city of Bordeaux.

Following this production, Roth says she will devote her time at UC to her dissertation and, at the moment, however, *Country's Good* is foremost in her mind.

*Our Country's Good* by Maya Roth with Edmonds, costumes by Johnson and lighting by Elliott, open tonight at Playhouse. It will be on Thursday through Sunday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. through Oct. 27. Tickets range from \$5-\$10 and are available by calling 642-9988.

## Silent art helps support AIDS advocacy

More than 60 established and emerging artists have works to Act Up East Bay's second annual Silent Art Show. The show, running through Oct. 13 at the Berkeley Store, 2295 Shattuck Ave., features a variety of media and statements.

The social realism of the signed "Doctor and Patient" with the contemporary one by David Smith Harrison's "El Olivo" and the political "Don't Fix My Print" by David Riedman, died of AIDS in 1992.

There's also Larry's blown glass, intricate home socks by Kathryn Alexander, family raises the sheep by Susan Brooks, Anne's floor cloth painting, Tim's wild stick figure, and a print of the 1996 "Angels" by Berkeley's own David Goines.

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her was her appearance in 1987, before Concord's City Council, when she discovered that her story could move the hardest of hearts.

Since then she has visited every school district in Contra Costa County, urging that their curricula contain rational discussion of homosexuality. Gradually that crusade has reached a national audience, with results both inspiring and terribly sad.

### Others like Bobby

Saddest were the stories she heard of teens like Bobby. Following the Examiner article, she received an anonymous letter from a boy who wrote:

"Everything that Bobby believed is what I believe. I have never told my family or friends the truth, and I never, ever will. I want to fit into this society so badly and I never will be able to as gay. All I want to do is to be able to function as normal straight man. But I cannot and I hate myself for it. I do not fit in anywhere."

A story with a happier ending was that of Daniel Paul Laver, a teen from Castro Valley who won the first Bobby Griffith Memorial Scholarship, in 1990.

Attending junior high school in Tracy, Laver realized he was differ-

ent in the eyes of his classmates.

"Daniel was mercilessly persecuted, called 'fag' and 'homo' and physically attacked with regularity."


When his family moved to Castro Valley, Laver became more deeply closeted, but he fell into a depression that led him to attempt suicide. Eventually he came out to his mother, and it was hearing the story of Bobby Griffith that began his ascent back to mental stability.

It probably goes without saying that *Prayers for Bobby* is essential reading for families that include gay teenagers. It is also a book that should be read by educators and clergy.

Recently, Aarons paid an unannounced visit to Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church. After the service, which included an announcement about a meeting for singles, Aarons asked a parishioner if the church had any groups for gay singles.

He was shunted around for a bit before someone gently suggested that he might feel more at home at some other church, like the gay church in Concord.

The anecdote cuts both ways. A gay person is still all but shown the door. But 13 years ago, such a referral might have saved Bobby Griffith's life.




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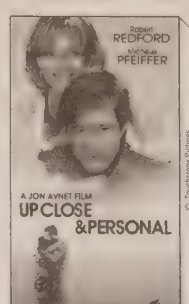
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# Letters

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 those who protect us. The  
 functions as the city's  
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 in a disaster; a seismic upgrade  
 essential to the safety of us all.  
 However, the city does not have the  
 resources to seismically upgrade the

condition of the Public  
 Building is one example of  
 many unmet needs in our city.  
 Additional police officers to  
 the business district along  
 Pablo Avenue, the BART path,  
 adjacent streets, as well as the  
 of the city;

Lighting along the BART  
 and other critical areas;  
 improvements to the Hillside  
 Area fire road and water  
 systems to assure adequate

access for firefighting;

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 generator for the Community  
 Center on Moerser, the city's mass  
 care facility in an emergency or  
 disaster;

— Increased emergency  
 preparedness, crime prevention,  
 and graffiti control efforts.

Unless Measures G and H pass,  
 we will be unable to meet any of  
 these needs. Let's welcome our  
 new Police Chief by voting "Yes"  
 on Measures G and H for a safer El  
 Cerrito.

Pat Castel  
 El Cerrito

## Owners can stop measure

Editor:  
 In my campaign to defeat the  
 proposed open space assessment

district, I have discovered that  
 many people do not understand the  
 significance of a written protest.  
 The protest provisions of the law  
 give property owners the right to  
 vote against the formation of the  
 district. Property owners do not  
 need to live in Albany to protest the  
 district.

If the owners of 50 percent of  
 the assessable land in Albany file  
 protests, the City Council cannot,  
 by law, proceed with the tax. It is  
 like an election where only the  
 property owners can vote — the  
 difference being that unless a  
 property owner protests, the law  
 assumes he or she approves of the  
 tax.

Hearings are scheduled for Oct.  
 7 and Oct. 21. Written protests may  
 be sent to the City Clerk any time  
 from now until the close of the

hearing on Oct. 21. No reason for  
 the protest need be given and  
 protesting property owners are not  
 required to attend the hearings.

The protest form must identify the  
 property by address and must bear  
 the signature of the owner or  
 owner's agent. A parcel number is  
 also helpful but not required.

If the property owners are  
 unable to generate enough  
 protests to defeat the formation of  
 the district, the registered voters,  
 including resident tenants, will be  
 given an opportunity on Nov. 5 to  
 vote on the amount of the tax  
 levy.

Please feel free to call me at  
 527-9413 if you wish to assist in  
 the protest effort or if you would  
 like a sample protest form.

Anne S. Haden  
 Albany

## Albany artist watercolors on display

An exhibit by Albany resi-  
 dent Carole Fitzgerald entitled  
 "Room at the Top," is currently  
 on display at the Albany Com-  
 munity Center Foyer Gallery  
 through Nov. 30. Inspired by the  
 natural surroundings of Albany  
 Hill, Fitzgerald began painting  
 the plants and wildlife of the  
 area in 1990 and realized that  
 painting the elements of nature  
 on the hill, such as wildflowers  
 and butterflies, was a "way to  
 catch people's attention and help  
 them see the value of preserving  
 the area in which they live."



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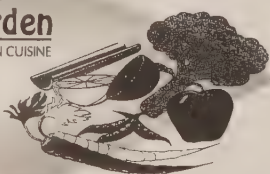
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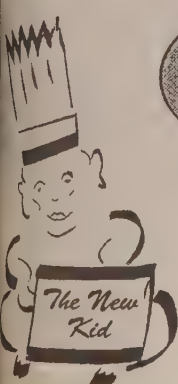
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 By Frosene Phillips

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 series. Coming up next is Sean Connery in "Goldfinger," the third of  
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 cludes music on the Mighty Wurlitzer, a newsreel, cartoon, previews and  
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 Sunday at the Ramada Inn...Dick Hyman Saturday, Oct. 26 at the  
 Maybeck Recital Hall...Jazmin Thursday, Lilli & the Jazz Doctors Friday  
 and Vivian Perry Sunday in the Terrace Room at the Lake Merritt  
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David Sanchez Quintet and the Brad Mehldau Trio at Yoshi's Nite-  
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## Green Bay fans worship, own their Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. — I was in Green Bay for the Packers/Raiders showdown, and I came away with these observations. Considering what's happening in the Raiders — failed PSLs, stadium that doesn't sell out, it's well to think about the Green Bay phenomenon.

Green Bay, population 100,000, is the kind of normal, friendly, middle-sized town you find all over the Midwest, where people still go to sleep at night without locking their doors, where folks linger with each other on the street engaging in the polite amenities, where you can leave their bikes on the sidewalk overnight without getting ripped off.

The only thing different about Green Bay from hundreds of similar towns is the Packers. That's a difference. This relationship between team and town is one of the most compelling love affairs in sports history.

To put the love affair into perspective consider the case of Art Boettcher, who grew up in Green Bay, but now lives in Mendocino, Calif., where he runs a place called Idle Hour, which he refers to as "Packer Bar West." Boettcher was in Green Bay for Monday's Niner/Packer showdown. His family has had season tickets dating back to 1927, when grandfather Norb, age 86, and grandma Anna, age 90, purchased them.

**Season tickets**

Season tickets for Packer games are virtually impossible to get. There are 56,111 in all, and the waiting list is 27,000. Packer fans put newborns on the waiting list so they will get tickets by middle age. Not that it helps. Only five people didn't show after last season, which means it would take something like 5,000 years for the last person on the list to be seated.

Boettcher proudly showed me his ticket. "The face value is \$10," he said. "I could sell it for \$10, but I won't." The season tickets are of such value they get passed down in wills from one generation to the next.

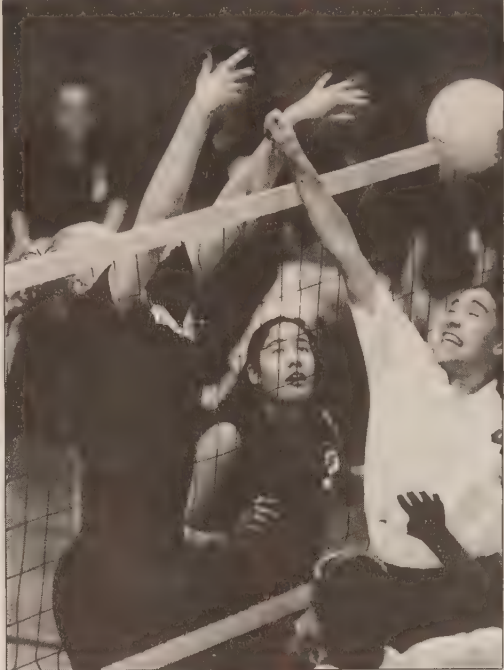
They, Mabel, Uncle Harry and bequeathed us his "W and a villa in Italy?" "That doesn't mean anything," he didn't get his Packer tickets.

Unlike other cities, including Oakland, there is a distinct connection between Packers and fans. After the game, the Packers jump into the stands to embrace the fans. The players have even been known to grading the jumps on a scale of one to ten. "He gets a 10," said one fan. "Good athleticism, but his jumping was deficient."

That's the reason for all this affection? The fans own the team. Literally. The Packers were formed in 1921 when the team raised money with a dance at the Elks club. In 1950, the team was enduring a cash crunch and decided to sell shares of ownership. A total of 1,898 shares were sold for \$25 each. Each share is still worth \$25.

This is the most unique story in sports, "Packer president Bob Kraft said the other day. "The team is strictly passed down. It has no value to it. If you would want to sell your stock, we'd send them \$25."

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Charity Harbo knocks back a shot at former HN teammate Zaida Potello (#4) as Albany's Karen Sillers (#3) looks on.

## Albany shows 'Charity' to HN

### Cougars display little sign of slowing down

By Mac Montandon

Last season Holy Names girls' volleyball lost to only two Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League teams: Bishop O'Dowd and Albany.

After last Thursday's match at Albany, Holy Names may wish the Cougars had moved to the Hayward Area Athletic League instead of O'Dowd.

Fresh off a match victory over defending Division II state champion St. Francis the day before, Albany showed no signs of a let-down in handing the Monarchs their first league loss this year.

The Cougars improved their record to 16-5 overall, 3-0 in the league. The Monarchs are now 13-2, 6-1.

After finishing a perfect 12-0 in ACCAL play last year, Albany appears intent on duplicating that performance.

Still, Holy Names head coach Brad Morrey wasn't quite ready to acquiesce that another league championship for Albany should be a

foregone conclusion.

Despite losing 15-3, 15-9, 15-2 to a Cougar squad he considers better than last year's version, Morrey believes his team is improved as well from last season, and Thursday was not indicative of how it can play.

**'I miss the school and friends at Holy Names, but for volleyball this is the right place to be.'**

— CHARITY HARBO

"I think we're a better team than we showed tonight," Morrey said. "Our ball-handling, defense, and blocking skills are better than last year, and our offense is more varied. I have several players who I have confidence in to make kills."

Morrey looks to sophomore outside hitters Laura Leslie and Christina Sedgwick, and junior middle blockers Tiffany Swygert, and Jacqueline Robinson for big plays. Strong play by this foursome allowed Holy Names to bounce back and defeat Salesian at home last Friday.

One player Morrey must now look across the net to see make kills is Charity Harbo. The 6-1 junior transferred from Holy Names to Albany this year.

While Monarch assistant coach Art Leslie could be seen after the match jokingly trying to pull Harbo back to their side, Morrey believes the transfer was best for everyone involved.

"Charity was a little bit erratic for us last year," Morrey said. "But here (at Albany), surrounded by so many great players, she seems more focused and consistent."

Harbo, too, seemed satisfied with her decision to switch schools.

"I miss the school and friends at

See ALBANY, page 36

## Jackets scare Titans, defeat OAL champs

By Mac Montandon

Berkeley and Skyline played a football game last Friday which celebrated the spirit of the Halloween season.

Invisible for most of the game, Berkeley wide receiver Ariel Herzog emerged with 1:27 left in the game to catch a 24-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Larry Young.

The catch enabled the Yellowjackets to defeat host Skyline 18-16, and may haunt the Titans for some time.

It was the biggest win to date for the program under first-year Berkeley coach Joe Martin.

On the winning play, Young looked initially for wideout James Barnes, III, his primary receiver, in the left corner of the end zone. The two had hooked up on a similar play in the second quarter for a 21-yard TD completion giving the Jackets an early 6-3 lead. This time, however, Barnes was covered well.

Young scrambled, and looked as if he may try to run for the score. But as he approached the line of scrimmage, Herzog came clear over the middle. Young fired high, and the sure-handed Herzog leaped and clutched the ball to his chest before falling over the goal line.

The Titans had one more chance on their final drive, but ran out of time on their ensuing drive.

Playing without their two top

running backs, Devin Martin and Johnny Smith, the Jackets were forced to look elsewhere for heroes, and found an unlikely one in the seldom used Herzog. An excited coach Martin recapped the winning play.

"We were looking for Barnes but he was covered, so we decided to go with Ariel," Martin said. "He was the second option, and he usually makes the clutch catches."

It was a game in which Skyline seemed in control, yet Berkeley converted enough crucial plays to win.

**Ghoulish mistakes**

Led by Titan running back Leon McDaniel's 115 yards on 15 carries, Skyline out gained Berkeley in the game 230 yards to 143. Turnovers and mental mistakes ultimately turned the Titan effort ghoulish.

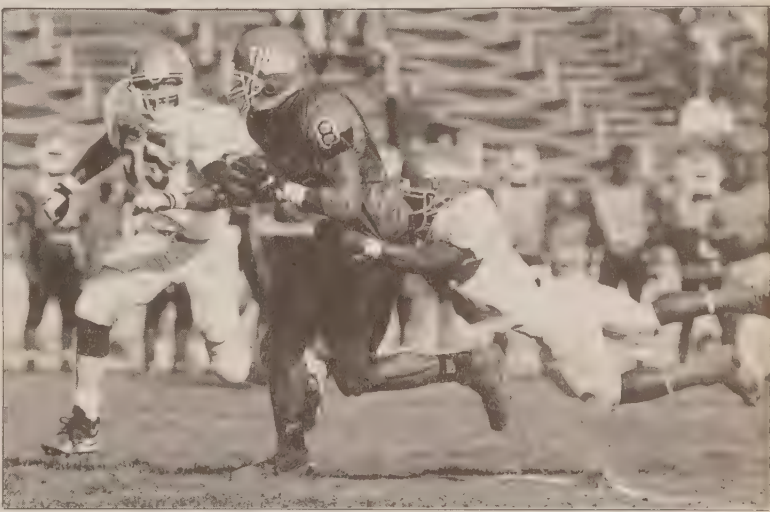
Down 12-3 in the second quarter, the Titans drove deep into Berkeley territory. That drive was stifled when Jacket linebacker Matt Werner intercepted a Damion Bouchelon pass at the Berkeley five yard line.

Earlier, a kick return designed to go left, according to Skyline coach John Beam, was returned right by J.W. Williams. Finding himself alone with Berkeley coverage player Yaheem King, Williams was stripped at the Jacket 13.

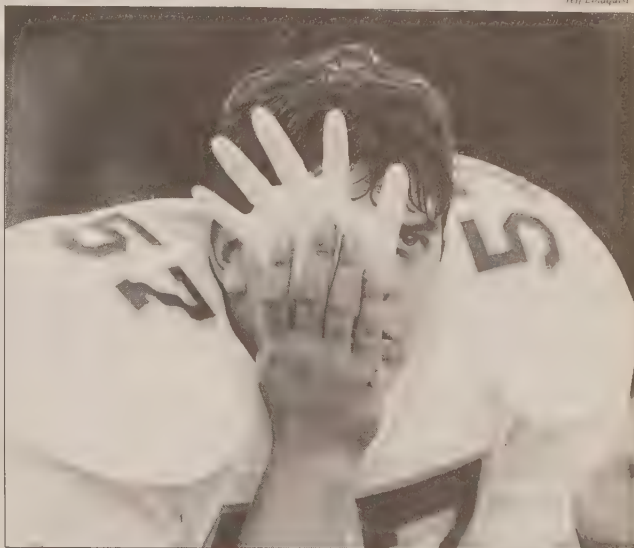
King played a true hop, and plucking the bouncing ball from just above the turf, sprinted into the end zone for Berkeley's second score.

And yet, Skyline surged ahead in the second half. Behind a pair of

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Above: Berkeley's James Barnes hangs on like a kite to bring down Skyline's Anthony Limbrick. Below: Berkeley's Sam White gets a helping hand icing his eye from a frozen surgical glove.



## SM takes new identity as offensive bulldozer

By John Gardella

Back-to-back 40-plus point performances. This is not Dan Shaughnessy football.

Shag Football is of the smash-mouth, ball-control variety. But the St. Mary's football coach will take the wins any way his team can get them.

Two weeks ago, the Panthers beat JFK-Richmond, 40-28. They followed that win with a 41-0 whipping of Richmond in another Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game.

"I think our scoring is a combination of everything," Shaughnessy

said. "We are starting to come around the corner."

The Panthers (3-2, 2-1 ACCAL) jumped out to a 29-0 first quarter lead and Shaughnessy was already clearing his bench.

The festivities started when Devin Poche-West scored on a 98-yard run. That score was followed by a truncated version when Rashan Slocum plowed in on a two-yard run.

SM scored on another running play, when Kwamin Taylor rushed for a 38-yard touchdown. By the time Ben Gerbacio returned an interception for a 30-yard score late in the quarter, giving the Panthers a 29-0 lead, the game was virtually over.

"It was a chance to see everyone

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## Lacy's otherworldly running gives Gauchos potent punch

John Gardella

It may take three licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop, but it took El Cerrito running back Antoine Lacy only two runs to get into his own end zone Friday against Alameda in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game.

On the senior's and the Gauchos' second play from scrimmage, Lacy, who is averaging an other-worldly 17.3 yards per carry, found a hole in the middle of the field, cut right and scampered down the sideline for an 67-yard score at the 11:05 mark of the first quarter.

The East Bay's most potent run-

ner with 830 yards, Lacy ran the ball eight times for 183 yards against the Hornets (2-3, 1-3 ACCAL). He touched the ball 10 times for 305 yards. That's not a typo. Not surprisingly, El Cerrito (5-0, 4-0 ACCAL), the area's top rated offense (45.4), won the game handily, 49-6.

"The holes were just huge," Lacy said. "You have to credit my offensive line and my fullback (Eddie Dyer). They did a great job of blocking."

"Lacy had a fine game," coach Frank Milo said.

When told that his star back rushed for 183 yards on just eight times, the coach smiled and shook his head.

"A lot of the credit has to go to

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## No gas, No glory

Mac Montandon

Albany football led Kennedy 6-0 last Friday late in the third quarter. With a couple of breaks it could have been 21-0.

The Cougars had one touchdown called back because of a penalty, and an open receiver overthrown in the end zone on

another play was one more sure score.

A 21-0 lead may have been too big for Kennedy to overcome. A 6-0 advantage certainly was not.

Behind four second-half touch-

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El Cerrito  
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Kennedy  
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Jackets' Gina Welch dives for a dig in earlier match against Bishop O'Dowd.

Jeff Lindquist

## Jackets find the right touch

By Mac Montandon

One could easily get the impression that Berkeley girls' volleyball thrives on adversity.

After losing five seniors from last year, including team MVP Brooklyn Williams, it would be reasonable for the Yellowjackets to be a bit down.

Additionally, while many top teams in the area feature rosters stocked with club players who play volleyball year round, the Jackets do not. In fact, for one of their best players this year Deonna Sayles, volleyball is her second best sport. Sayles is being heavily recruited by several colleges for basketball.

So when an important offensive player, senior Emily Taufa, was lost for several games early in the season with an injury, the resilient Jackets did the only thing they could—kept winning.

Going into the Berkeley Jacket Invitational last weekend, where they would play host, Berkeley's overall record stood at 12-6. The Jackets are 9-3 in East Bay Athletic League games.

The Jackets reached the quarterfinals in their tournament over the weekend before losing a one game playoff to West Valley 15-11. Up 11-7 at one point, Berkeley couldn't hang on. Time constraints limited the match to just one game. The

Berkeley record now reads 13-7.

### Closeness of players

Head coach Brian Thomason attributes his current squads' success to a closeness among the players that was lacking from last year's team, which finished the regular season at 11-5.

"Last year there was a lot of individual play," Thomason said recently. "I don't see that in this group. The talent is still about the same, but the freshman and sophomores from last year have brought a really good attitude."

### Seniors leadership

While the younger players help meld the team, Thomason looks to a trio of seniors to provide athleticism and leadership on the court. Joining Taufa and Sayles as one of the Jackets' top threats is 5-foot-5 setter Dana Byrd-Stubblefield.

Stubblefield was voted the team's most valuable player for every match Berkeley played in the Serve It Up Tournament in Sunnyvale, which took place the first weekend in October.

The Jackets finished 4-2 in that tournament, beating De Anza twice, Woodside and San Lorenzo once each. Their losses came to Salinas and Mills. Stubblefield was also named to the all-tournament team

for the Jacket Invitational.

Sayles, for her part, is the most exciting Berkeley player. At 5-foot-10 she constantly soars high above the net, delivering thunderous kills that somehow do not pop the ball when it hits the hard gym floor. In a match earlier this year against an always tough Bishop O'Dowd team, Sayles led the Jackets with 12 kills.

Though not completely healed according to Thomason, Taufa played last weekend and led her squad in kills on the day.

With strong play from Stubblefield, Sayles, and Taufa, and a determined team that dares trouble to stop them, Berkeley should make a good showing in the EBAL this season. They play a league game at home today against San Ramon.

## Cohn

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### They can never leave

The Packers are the only publicly-owned, nonprofit team in professional sports. And they can never leave Green Bay.

According to the franchise bylaws, if the team is sold on the open market, all profits must be donated to the Sullivan-Wallen American Legion Post at 1822 Sal Street. "They'd build a war memorial and have one hell of a color guard," Harlan said.

You're beginning to see that the pro sports scene needs the Packers — loyal to their town, a bastion of rock solid values. The only reason they survive is the NFL's profit-sharing plan and the salary cap. Eighty-six percent of their total income comes from shared revenue forms.

Packers tickets are a bargain. They sell for between \$28 and \$40, and are priced second-lowest to the Jets. The Raiders average \$51; and that's after you pay for the PSL. Do the Packers sell PSLs? Don't be silly.

"With so many teams unhappy and threatening to move, the fans around the country appreciate what the Packers mean to the league," Harlan said. "The other day I was going home from work. I saw a van in the parking lot with 'Kansas Jay Hawks' where the license plate should be. The driver came out and bowed to the

field three times like he'd arrived at a shrine."

When the Jay Hawks fan bowed, he was paying homage to Lambeau Field, the longest-tenured stadium in the league, now in its 40th year. It's located on Lombardi Avenue, named for you know who. Sure, Lambeau has club seats and luxury boxes.

### The fans own the team. Literally. The Packers were formed in 1921 when the team raised money with a dance at the Elks club.

But most of the seats aren't seats at all. They are benches. Plain old benches where you park your butt for a plain old football game. It's like going to Cal's Memorial Stadium, and it keeps the whole enterprise in perspective.

### No playboys

Only mature, stable players can thrive in Green Bay. Playboys like Micheal Irvin need not apply. "We need a family-type person here," general manager Ron Wolf explained. "We need a veteran player. There's a certain type we can't have here, a good-time guy,

an L.A. guy."

The reason for this is that anyone who plays for the Packers completely surrenders to the team. This is a fact of life. "Green Bay is a fishbowl," Aaron Taylor said. "It can get to be trying. Being and black in Green Bay, there aren't a lot of options. Everyone knows what you do and how you played."

Holmgren and Wolf have to make black players feel at home. "You don't have to be a genius to look at the commotion and see there aren't a lot of people," Wolf said. So he and Holmgren hired a special agent who comes to camp twice a week to cut the hair of the black players if they desire his services. A week the Packers import food to the locker room from Milwaukee, two hours a week car.

Players also know that Wolf and Holmgren make the football decisions. There is no egomaniac of an owner who meddles where he doesn't belong (see Al Davis). The owners are the folks in the stands.

Mary Sprangers is typical of Packers fans. She runs a Green Bay espresso cafe called Awakening. She is demure and sophisticated but she's also hard-core Packers fan. She says with a smile that she absolutely plans her week around the games, and no matter what always attends, "unless I'd be written out of the will for a day the Raiders will inspire the kind of loyalty. Maybe

## El Cerrito Youth Baseball registration

El Cerrito Youth Baseball is currently holding its sign-ups for the 1997 season. Players can save \$20 by registering by October 31. For registration packets call 237-3201.

Open registration will be held at Pointsett Park Clubhouse at 5611 Pointsett Ave., October 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$85 for residents, \$100 for non-residents before the discount.

Families are required to volunteer 10 hours to the program or pay an additional \$100 non-participation fee.

Deadline for registration is Jan. 4. There will be no sign-ups during tryouts. Tryouts are in January, practices start February and games begin in March. Games are usually held on Saturdays and Sundays and the league runs until the end of school. All-Stars

play in July and August.

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GAYLE TANTAU

Gayle Tantau

This article is dedicated to the fire survivors and to all the people who supported and cared about us over the last five years.

I asked a few of my friends and neighbors who rebuilt in the burn area to express in writing their feelings about their personal recovery as well as the recovery of our neighborhood.

As a fire survivor myself, I would like to first share some of my thoughts.

October is a glorious autumn month in the Bay Area, but for many fire survivors we equate this month's hot and windy days with that horrifying day on October 20,

## Some anniversary reflections

1991.

Most of the time I feel fairly well recovered from the devastation of the firestorm and all the problems related to that October day. After all, it's been five years!

However, during those extremely hot days of late, I watered and watered the perimeter of my house in the evening to minimize the possibility of another fire.

After a restless hot night, I awakened in a sweat, not from the heat of the night, but from a reoccurring fire dream, which I had not experienced in months.

In my dream I was hopelessly trying to put out flames at back my property. The fire was so vivid and real. Upon waking, I thought to myself, I can't believe I'm still having fire dreams. Undoubtedly, the horror of that infamous day will always haunt me to some degree.

Just about every fire survivor has a long tale to tell about problems they experienced with contractors, insurance companies, etc... Disputes among neighbors regarding height limitations of houses were

also commonplace.

For me, dealing with building problems while simultaneously trying to recover emotionally from such tremendous losses has been my major challenge as a fire survivor. Let's face it, it's hard to make a smart decision when you are feeling a little screwed-up!

Under the circumstances, I did the best I could and made a few mistakes, but on the whole, everything worked out fairly well. Now, when I look back, I realize I was overly concerned about things that, in the end, just don't matter.

Living in a noisy and dusty neighborhood has been, to say the least, very trying. I recall one of my neighbors saying that she thought the tractors, dump trucks, and cement mixers go backwards more than they go forwards.

In reverse gear these big vehicles make the most annoying beeping sound. Hearing this high pitched beeping all day long is enough to drive you crazy and many of us were definitely on the brink.

Last spring the noise and dirt

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—NANCY ROGERS, PRESIDENT, ROCKRIDGE TERRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSN.

problems climaxed with the under-grounding project. I do commend St. Francis Electric, the contractor for the project, as they made every effort to help us cope with major inconvenience.

The noise, however, was just unbelievable. It began at the crack of dawn. No need for alarm clocks in this neighborhood!

Fortunately, as we have reached the fifth anniversary of the fire, the construction, the noise, the dirt, and the under-grounding project are sub-

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## Interest rates fall again

On Oct. 10 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) announced that its Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgages declined 20 basis points from last week's 8.06 percent to 7.86 percent, the lowest this bellwether rate has been since April. During the second week of October 1995, the 30-year fixed rate was 7.50 percent.

The start rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) was down just 2 basis points to 5.68 percent from last week's average of 5.70 percent. A year ago the ARM start rate was 5.75 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing arena, fell 20 basis points to 7.38 percent from last week's figure of 7.58 percent. This time last year this rate was

7.01 percent.

"Weakness in last Friday's employment report relieved concerns about tightness in the labor market, reducing fears of inflation accelerating," said Freddie Mac Deputy Chief Economist Frank Nothaft. "Consequently we saw rates fall across the board."

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 25th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey, having tracked mortgage rates since 1971.

On Sept. 30 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for October payments at 4.839 percent, up 2 basis points from the 4.819 percent that was in effect for September payments.

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# Fire...

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siding—much to everyone's relief.

Enduring all the trauma and problems subsequent to the fire have, indeed, been difficult. For me, though, out of this disaster came many wonderful new friendships and a sensitive and supportive new employer.

I am so thankful for all of their support, and I must always remember that when one door closes another door opens.

But let me turn to three firestorm survivors.

## Nancy Rogers

Nancy Rogers is president of Rockridge Terrace Home Owners Association (RTHA)

On reflecting back on the Oakland firestorm, I am astounded at the parallels that can be drawn to real ordinary life. The advantages, as opposed to the disadvantages, the endings, the closing of life's chapters as well as the new beginnings are all part of the experience.

For most of the firestorm survivors, the advantages of a new sense of hope and direction, new friendships, new priorities, new beginnings in all areas of our lives. There is pride in the notion, "I've been there and done that and am still okay," far outweighing the accumulative aggravation it took to get there.

For some fire survivors former attitudes still linger; the feelings we had of our homes and possessions, the sights, sounds, smells, the pets, the quiet community, the privacy and the vegetation.

For some the choices that have been made are laced away in noise and confusion.

Our first firestorm get-together was on a dark vacant lot on Contra Costa Road. Since there was no electricity we used our car headlights. We were a group of friends who reaffirmed that we would re-

build our neighborhood, which at the time looked like a bomb had dropped on it.

Today, five years later, our neighborhood is basically rebuilt and we are about to celebrate our version of Oktoberfest, complete with food, music, dancing...and renewing and remembering what once was.

I am very proud of our neighborhood and everyone involved in its rebuilding. It has largely been through the dedication of the Rockridge Terrace Homeowners Association which was formed immediately after the fire that this has come about so smoothly.

I am especially proud of the countless volunteers who write our newsletter, compile our membership list, handle our finances, represent us to the City, the planners of our wonderful social events and are those involved in selecting our new street lights and undergrounding our utilities.

As the aggravations and litigations begin to wane, the beauty and satisfaction remain.

## David L. Williams

My two strongest memories about the first few weeks after the fire were the outpouring of love and help from family and friends and the beginning of a heartwarming neighborhood spirit.

That spirit showed up in a meeting arranged by David Cunningham, Andy Ball, and Sal Ariganello five days after the fire.

The meeting notice was posted on telephone poles on Contra Costa Road, but I only heard about it from a friend.

At that meeting David, Andy and Sal arranged committees to collect names and addresses of our scattered neighbors, to organize insurance groups, to develop lists of contractors and architects, and others I can't remember.

The energy, enthusiasm, and obvious skills of those leaders gave my heart a big lift when it was needed the most.

That meeting laid the groundwork for what was to become the

Rockridge Terrace Homeowners Association (RTHA). We gathered neighbors from the streets below us. We met weekly, and more often, at the Montclair Presbyterian Church.

We supported each other—physically, emotionally, factually. We hassled out insurance, debris removal, city liaison, tax relief, undergrounding of utilities, parking restrictions, fire sprinklers, emergency exits from our dead-end street, park fire hazards, and even an arson fire.

The second year I became co-chair, and my wife did the monthly newsletter. We met and worked with some 300 families.

Now there's no greater feeling than to drive or walk down the street, stopping to say hi to everyone—and to have some 175 and more neighbors show up for our RTHA Oktoberfest. Why does it take a disaster to bring a neighborhood together?

## Ruth P. Williams

I never cried. Not on October 20, 1991. Not during the 2-1/2 years of rebuilding, (during which, incredibly, we never argued). Too much to do! I was a miracle woman, running as many as 26 errands in one day, according to my *Day Runner*.

No one warned me that the stress and weariness of moving would make me susceptible to "punch list depression." Finally we were in. Our contractor to-do list grew daily—not all that much, nothing very serious.

We began a list for "Us-To-Do" (later, cheaper). I added to the "Me-To-Do" list of returns, stuff we need, etc.

My 69-year-old knees and back gave out in one week on the new stairs. I became crabby. We argued. After all that effort, so much was wrong. We made ourselves miserable. What to do?

Inspiration! Let's concentrate on what we liked about our new house—the new spaces, the lovely light pouring in, the comfort of the familiar spaces.

After a few months of pleading, the contractor finished his punch list. We finally felt we were home again, on our own.

I am no longer the post-fire whiz kid I had been. The *Me-To-Do* list still is in my wallet, dog-eared. The *Us-To-Do* construction is undone. The impact of the Fire caught up with me. Probably, what we haven't done or acquired, we don't really need. Johnny Mercer's lyrics say it best. "You have to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative, and don't mess with Mr. ("Punch List")."

I appreciate Nancy, David and Ruth's contributions. Thinking and writing about an experience of five years that originated with a disaster is not an easy task.

Gayle Tantau is a Realtor with JT Ward in Berkeley. You can reach her at 845-6021.

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# COFI klatsch

By H. W. Moss

The 11th District Cost of Funds Index, known as COFI and popularly referred to as "coffee," is one of the most commonly quoted indices for adjustable rate mortgages.

That is because COFI is considered one of the more stable on which to peg a loan. It takes into account ten categories of savings including passbooks, money market deposit accounts and deposits with fixed but varying maturities such as six-month and one-year certificates of deposit which don't adjust quickly.

That also means COFI doesn't hit the lowest lows or the highest highs like an index built on T-Bills. It is relatively stable because COFI has a one month lag time, a fact lenders are quick to point out, and is not supposed to jump around as much as indices based on T-Bills, averages of T-Bills, the Prime lending rate or LIBOR (the London Interbank Offered Rate).

The rate is a secret until COFI is published on or near the last working day of the month after 3 p.m. Right now COFI is hovering around 4.8 percent which, while not an all time low, is certainly competitive with T-Bills which are nearly a full percentage point higher.

The selection of an index is one of the most important decisions in the home buying process. An index's number is usually published monthly and is the basis for

recalculating monthly on new and existing adjustable mortgage loans.

Adjustable rate mortgages tied to an index in order to some of the risk of lending borrower. When rates rise, losses if it has nothing to do with its books. The case into the early 1990s.

With the rise or fall of a from month-to-month, about payment may remain the same level loan repayment plan, amount of principal and within the payment will be rising index changes the portion of the loan in favor lender by reducing the rate credited.

Lenders add a margin to a dex, often between two percentage points, and then makes a payment based on spread. What is remarkable COFI is available through United States even though District is comprised only of zona, California and Nevada.

This may be because a number of the country's major are headquartered here. British borrowers can use the COFI index. Not all use this index. Neither Bank of nor Bay View, for example, COFI-based loans.

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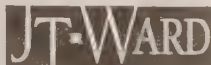


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# A fond farewell

As we read the new language in the contract, I heard around me mumbling, sotto voce complaints and one clear stand-up voice—Perla's. Politely, firmly she spoke her objections.

The spirit of the contract was wrong, she said. It had been designed to protect the backsides of the attorneys who had written it and the agents who would have to use it.

"As agents," she said, "it is our job to work for the good of our clients. This contract says that we are not responsible for anything we say or do. This is a bad message and a wrong one."

In that moment I loved Perla. Nothing has happened since then to change my mind. Although neither Janet nor I have ever worked in Perla's office, we have done a number of sales with agents who do, and each sale was a pleasure. Every agent, every encounter with Berkeley Hills Realty has been the best.

These people are organized. They answer phone calls, anticipate problems and do something about them: care first of all about client comfort and welfare—in other words conduct their business well.

They are not the only good agents in the world but they are certainly some of the finest. To hear them proudly tell it, much of the reason that they are together doing what they do is—you guessed it—Perla.

Another memory of Perla. She was holding a house open, one I thought was great. I walked around all the rooms; then stood in the living room enjoying what I was seeing and pretty soon Perla and I were comparing notes about the

house.

We were really enjoying ourselves, getting as much pleasure from that house as we could get, which might sound like a fairly common occurrence, but isn't. I added that day to my reasons for liking Perla.

We went to visit Perla this week. She looked so pretty. She was wearing a pink and white cotton dress with a collar, one she ironed herself. I think. Her hair was soft around her face, her brain obviously running.

"Were you always like this?" we asked. "At seven years old and 15, were you always smart and funny and caring?"

"No," she said. "I didn't have self confidence then. But my husband and family and the people in my office validate my opinions, my thoughts."

"I can call the CAR (California Association of Realtors) Hotline now and say 'Here's how I read this new contract you just published. Why did you do it this way?'"

You have such important stuff on the back of the pages and there are no signature lines. People are going to miss it and they shouldn't.

Did she realize how we would grieve when she announced she was selling? No she didn't.

She has loved coming to work every morning. She has done what made sense to her, tried to look at the whole picture, get to the heart of whatever matter was at hand.

"You try to do it right," she said. "Whenever I've made decisions, I've asked myself: What is the right thing?" Then the answer was there.

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Sixteen years after starting Berkeley Hills Realty, Perla Wichner (right) has sold the company to two long-term agents Peter Damm (center) and Nancy Mueller (left) who will continue the tradition of professionalism and caring for their clients, for which the company is known.

## Berkeley broker passes torch

Berkeley Hills Realty broker-owner Perla Wichner recently announced that she is transferring ownership of the company to two long-time agents Nancy Mueller and Peter Damm.

After more than 16 years as broker/owner of a successful real estate company, Perla decided that "the time has come to spend more time with my husband and children. Nancy and Peter will build on our outstanding reputation and propel Berkeley Hills Realty to even greater success."

Broker Nancy Mueller, a 15-year Berkeley Hills veteran and agent Peter Damm, with 13 years Berkeley Hills Realty experience, comment that they are excited to fill.

That's why there are two of them," said Perla. "Martha Blackaller and I bought Berkeley Hills Realty from Augie

Apra in 1980 and created Berkeley Hills Realty. Augie's shoes looked very big too.

"I'm excited about Nancy and Peter's style and energy," she said. "They both have my values, as all our agents do, for truly caring for clients and putting the clients' needs first."

"Educating our agents and clients will continue to be very important. Nancy and Peter's creativity will enhance the company's ability to serve the community," said Perla.

Perla will continue her association with Berkeley Hills Realty but will now be able to pursue personal goals: sharing more time with her family (including time on the beach with her husband), traveling, gardening and cooking.

"I love to prepare Thanksgiving dinner for my family," said Perla. "It's an annual highlight that will be

**Nancy and Peter smile at the comment they have big shoes to fill.**

even more special this year.

"I have a lot to be thankful for: the wonderful people with whom I've worked over the years; the agents in our office who are a second family, the many clients who have trusted us to serve their needs and my many friends."

"I give special thanks to my own family who encouraged and supported me," said Perla. "Now I have more time to enjoy them."

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 3815 Elston Ave. - \$200,000  
 500 Elys. Fields - \$300,000  
 870 Erie St. - \$312,000  
 5500 Estates Dr. - \$269,000  
 988 Franklin #1109 - \$126,000  
 988 Franklin #328 - \$135,000  
 4241 Gilbert St. - \$170,000  
 2218 Harrington - \$155,000  
 9601 Las Vegas - \$143,000  
 6708 Liggett - \$312,000  
 630 Longridge - \$321,000  
 6237 Majestic - \$179,000  
 5963 Manchester - \$835,000  
 525 Mandana - \$130,000  
 4407 Moraga Ave. - \$220,000  
 8384 Ney Ave. - \$148,000  
 5839 Roberts Ave. - \$114,000  
 7222 Sayre Dr. - \$219,000  
 4001 Sequoyah Rd. - \$315,000  
 9314 Thermal St. - \$132,500

5353 Thomas Ave. - \$287,000  
 3761 Victor Ave. - \$242,500  
 5800 Westover Dr. - \$400,000  
 32 Windward Hill - \$406,500

**PIEDMONT**  
 64 Bellevue - \$708,000  
 191 Estates - \$1,140,000  
 410 Hampton - \$1,135,000  
 67 King - \$2,345,000  
 43 Park Way - \$500,000  
 306 Wildwood - \$410,000

**SAN LEANDRO**  
 1524 150th Ave. - \$260,000  
 326 Aloha Dr. - \$154,000  
 1198 Begier Ave. - \$262,000  
 2006 Clipper Ct. - \$266,500  
 555 Diehl Ave. - \$193,000  
 14175 Doolittle - \$95,000  
 2438 Easy St. - \$190,000  
 16730 El Balcon - \$139,000  
 14993 Endicott - \$145,000  
 15100 Farnsworth - \$201,000  
 14931 Inlet Ct. - \$178,500  
 561 Joaquin Ave. - \$194,500  
 765 Juana Ave. - \$169,000  
 391 Leo Ave. - \$119,000  
 14963 Norton St. - \$129,000  
 393 Oakes Blvd. - \$155,000  
 1548 Plaza Dr. - \$137,000

**SAN LORENZO**  
 16833 Bar Ave. - \$134,500  
 225 E. Lewelling - \$168,000

639 Pasco Del Rio - \$180,000  
 15862 Via Del Sol - \$155,000  
 16102 V. Descanso - \$147,000  
 965 Via Enrico - \$220,000  
 1839 Via Sarita - \$209,000

## SALES STATS BY CITY

**ALAMEDA**  
 TOTAL SALES: 21  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$152,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$376,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$250,214

**ALBANY**  
 TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$268,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$319,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$293,500

**BERKELEY**  
 TOTAL SALES: 17  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$637,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$281,441

**EL CERRITO**  
 TOTAL SALES: 5  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$144,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$245,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$187,800

**EL SOBRANTE**  
 TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$140,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$147,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$143,500

**EMERYVILLE**

**TOTAL SALES: 3**  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$147,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$138,000

**KENSINGTON**  
 TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$222,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$239,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$230,750

**OAKLAND**  
 TOTAL SALES: 37  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$102,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$835,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$258,000

**PIEDMONT**  
 TOTAL SALES: 6  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$410,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,345,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,090,000

**SAN LEANDRO**  
 TOTAL SALES: 17  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$95,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$266,500  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$175,000

**SAN LORENZO**  
 TOTAL SALES: 7  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$134,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$220,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$173,000

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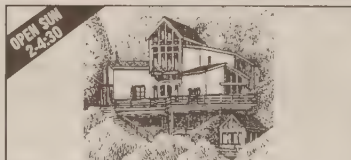
**TIME IS RIGHT TO MAKE AN OFFER** \$1,450,000  
 Sellers invite you bid on their landmark 1/2 acre bayview gated estate. Exquisite 5000 sq ft Spanish colonial with phenomenal new kitchen. Motivated!

D. C. HODGES 339-8400



**BEAUTIFUL CURB APPEAL** \$319,000  
 3BR, 3BA with large eat-in kitchen and separate dining area with private deck. Some hardwood floors under carpet. Completely remodeled rumpus/family room downstairs with bedroom and bath. Wooded view. Move-in now.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



**PRIVATE PANORAMA VIEW RETREAT** \$550,000  
 100K reduction! Spectacular rustic contemporary with explosive view, double master suite. Great room, detached view cottage, sound studio, extra lot included.

STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400X239



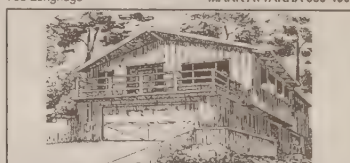
**4150 GILBERT/227 RIDGEWAY** \$299,000  
 Back on the market, this fine duplex is conveniently located close to Piedmont Ave. Sumptuous brown shingle brings income. 227 Ridgeway

ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9842



**AFFORDABLE AND ELEGANT** \$379,500  
 Large Crocker Highlands traditional at an affordable price. Immaculate two story 3+BR, 2.5BA, hardwood floors, sunny throughout. Walking distance to shops & restaurants. A must see. 708 Longridge

MARK ATTARHA 339-4000



**UPPER OAKMORE** \$295,000  
 Well-kept family home 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious family room, eat-in kitchen, beamed high ceiling, level patio, seller motivated. Open Sunday 2-4:30

MARTHA SHIN 339-8400



**TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY FABULOUS!** \$329,500  
 Renovated with integrity, filled with light and within walking distance to campus. Hardwoods, staircase, built-ins, new kitchen & baths. Fenced yard. A best value. Open Sunday

RACHEL BALLER 339-8400



**PRICED REDUCED ROCKRIDGE** \$249,500  
 Owner needs fast sale on delightful 2 bed chalet close to shopping & transportation. Fireplace in living room enhanced by mature landscaping. Country living in the city. 5630 Moraga Ave

MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-8975

## THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES EXCLUSIVELY LISTED. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

**BIG PRICE REDUCTION** .....\$529,000  
 Prestigious Piedmont. Anxious owner needs family for gracious 4BR, 3BA home updated & hardwood floors thruout. Newly landscaped & much more. Take a look.

MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

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MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

**SUN-FILLED CONTEMPORARY** .....\$529,000  
 Prestigious Piedmont Pines. Like new 3+ BR in private peaceful setting. Many upgrades Plus rooms for home office/au pair room. Walk to regional park trails.

LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**PRIME ROCKRIDGE** .....\$419,000  
 Elegant traditional. 3BR, 2+BA large rumpus room. Beautiful front garden and patio. Attached garage. Easy walk to College Avenue.

VICKIE CHAN CASE 339-8400

**EXCELLENT INVESTMENT - 6 UNITS** .....\$359,000  
 Seller will consider all reasonable offers. All 2 bedrooms units, near Lake Merritt, low down, assume existing financing, good cash flow, well maintained. Call today.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400X216

**THINK SPACE FOR EVERYTHING!** .....\$355,000  
 And think close-in convenient Montclair location! Spacious home w/clean lines, 5BR + 5BA. Great for shared family living, in home office/studio. Expand!

RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

**READY AND WAITING** .....\$345,000  
 4BR, 3BA w/remodeled kitchen, sunny skylit living room, large FR/rumpus downstairs w/deck & view. Hwdw flrs on main level, private courtyard, deck off dining rm/mstr BR. Motivated seller.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**NEW KENSINGTON LISTING!** .....\$323,000  
 Wonderful bay view. 3BR, 2BA, hwdw flrs, 2 fireplaces, rumpus room. On cul-de-sac and almost level in.

KEN FERRELL 339-8400

**METROPOLITAN HOME IN GLENVIEW** .....\$309,000  
 Finest quality remodel throughout! Smashing granite kitchen, 2 new baths, beautiful wood detail, skylites, major upgrades galore. Huge terraced garden.

STEVEN BIASATTI 339-6160X239

**SELLER READY FOR YOUR OFFER!** .....\$299,000  
 Glenview 4BR, 2BA home that oozes warmth and charm. Warm woods, beautiful unique fixtures, peaceful serene garden, French windows! Open Sunday 2-4:30.

JAN NEFF 339-8400

**NEW LISTING MONTCLAIR** .....\$299,000  
 Walk to Montclair from this 4BR, 3BA traditional. Formal dining + family room + den. Attached garage, private patio, huge 1/3 acre yard. Newer kitchen.

HAL CASTLE 339-8400

**LIGHT AND AIRY - MONTCLAIR** .....\$289,000  
 Sunny 3+BR, 2BA custom. Custom tile work, random plank oak flrs, beamed ceiling, mstr ste w/walk-in closet, lots of decks, level backyard, new heating/electrical.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**PRICED TO MOVE FAST** .....\$279,500  
 Grab the opportunity of a life time. Piedmont 2BR, 2BA home under a canopy of trees. Fireplace in living rm. Formal dining room and charming eat-in kitchen!

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**UPPER REDWOOD VILLAGE SETTING** .....\$279,500  
 Pristine! Montebello Terrace model home. San Francisco view! 3BR, 2.5BA, gourmet's kitchen. FDR, oversized garage, backyard, family room.

HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

**WALK TO MONTCLAIR VILLAGE** .....\$279,000  
 New price = superb value. This traditional 4BR, 2BA home is located on a large gentle downslope site. Home office/au-pair potential.

LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**EXCEPTIONAL TRIPLEX NEAR LAKE MERRITT** .....\$277,000  
 Walk to Lake Merritt, public transportation, good cash flow, freshly painted, newer roof, security door, 2 garage parking, common laundry, small yard, pride of ownership. Call today!

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400X216

**GREAT FAMILY HOME AND VALUE** .....\$275,000  
 Open Sun. 2-4:30. New listing. Beautiful canyon view. Recreational m/office, hwdw floors, decks and total privacy. Great floor plan. 3BR, 2BA.

CARIN CAROE 339-8400

**MINI MANSION IN ADAMS POINT** .....\$268,500  
 Large traditional 4BR, 1+BA, sun porch, rumpus room w/separate entrance, plenty of off street parking, walking to Lake, shopping & public transit.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400X216

**CREEKSIDE CONVENIENCE!** .....\$260,000  
 Spacious (1600 sq ft) custom contemporary. 2BR, 2BA, large family rm. Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, hwdw flrs, deck over creek. Level-in. 2 car gar.

STEVEN BIASATTI 339-6160X239

**IMMACULATE CUSTOM HOME** .....\$239,950  
 Open Saturday & Sunday, 1 - 4:30pm. 3BR, 2BA with updated open kitchen, large family room overlooking beautiful gardens, fireplace, spa & gazebo, new lawns & sprinklers.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400X216

**GREAT CITY & BAY VIEWS, GREAT PRICE** .....\$230,000  
 Where else can you find this great view for this price. 3BR, 1.5BA, deck off living room, eat-in kitchen, rumpus rm. Don't miss this. Call today!

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400X216

**CRASHMAN IN ROCKRIDGE** .....\$229,500  
 Original wood, built-in buffet w/leaded glass, hardwood floors up & down. Three bedrooms, terraced backyard. Best buy in Rockridge.

KEN FERRELL 339-8400

**FALL IN LOVE - DARLING COTTAGE** .....\$225,000  
 2BR w/French doors/windows, max privacy on over-sized fenced lot. Wrap-around deck, sunny LR w/skylight, remodeled bath, great kitchen w/breakfast bar/tile counters.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**DUPLEX - FIXER LAKESHORE AREA!** .....\$225,000  
 Opportunity knocks!! Don't miss the boat on this 2 units w/fireplace - D/R and garage. Value of the area. Extra large 1 bedrooms.

HAL MARCUS 339-9281

**OAKLAND HILLS ORCHARD SETTING** .....\$224,000  
 Opportunity knocks!! Don't miss the boat on this 2 units w/fireplace - D/R and garage. Value of the area. Extra large 1 bedrooms.

HAL MARCUS 339-9281

**OAKLAND HILLS ORCHARD SETTING** .....\$224,000  
 Glorious fruit trees on a third of acre nearly level lot. Delightful 1 level home, open beam ceiling, soaring brick fireplace, 3BR, 2BA family room.

HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

**PRICE REDUCTION** .....\$221,000  
 Desirable 4-plex in Dimond. Live in one & rent the others. 2 bed, 1bath, 1BR, 1BA upper units, 2 communal units down. Seller leaving area.

ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

**BUY OF A LIFETIME - GRASS VALLEY** .....\$219,000  
 Excellent opportunity in this 4BR, 2.5BA corner lot over 10,000 sq ft. Modern eat-in kit, level fenced backyard, hardwood flrs under carpet. Lots of home for the \$.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**GORGEOUS CRAFTSMAN** .....\$219,000  
 Move right in to this 2-story 3 bedroom. Beautiful hwdw flrs & formal LR & DR, as well as remodeled kitchen & bath. Huge expandable eat-in space. Level yard.

LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**OPEN SUNDAY - THIS WON'T LAST** .....\$219,000  
 View, level yard 3BR, 2BA home in Montclair. Clean, ready to move in. Hardwood floors, storage, dining room, laundry. 6900 Thornhill, Sunday 2-5.

MEL COPLAND 339-8400

**BLENVIEW CHARMER** .....\$218,000  
 Pretty hwdw flrs & wood built-ins highlight this 2+BR craftsman bungalow with large, level yard. Plus room for home office/den/nursery. Great neighborhood!

LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**PIEDMONT AVE AREA BEST BUY** .....\$199,500  
 2BR, 1BA, breakfast room, formal dining room, 2-car garage, terraced garden. Work needed. Seller flexible. CALL TODAY.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400X216

**GLENVIEW TUDOR - 4BR, 2BA** .....\$199,000  
 English style for gracious living. A little time today will turn this diamond in the rough into a gem tomorrow. Opportunity is knocking. Call today to see.

M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

**LIVE-RENT, LIVE-LIVE, RENT-RENT** .....\$187,000  
 2-2-bedroom, 1-bath homes on one lot. Currently rented under housing authority, thus not under Berkeley rent control. Great set up for extended families.

NICK LAVROV 339-8400

**STUCK IN AN APARTMENT?** .....\$185,000  
 Upper Glenview condo nestled among single family homes offers no maintenance, 1200 sq ft, 2BR including master suite, 2 baths, fireplace for less than \$1500 per month!

PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**JUST LISTED. GREAT PANO VIEW** .....\$179,000  
 This warm, cozy, bright home has a million dollar view plus room is a great office. Large backyard. Earthquake retrofitted and rewired. Redwood high school. Open Sun. 2-4:30, 3048 Carlsen.

SAM GHADERI 531-6712

**PRICE REDUCTION - GLENVIEW** .....\$147,500  
 Starter, spacious home on quiet street, sunny remodeled kitchen/family room, 2+BR. Ample closet space, truly a best buy in Glenview.

ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

**YOU CAN AFFORD THIS!** .....\$147,000  
 Starter, spacious home on quiet street, sunny remodeled kitchen/family room, 2+BR. Ample closet space, truly a best buy in Glenview.

ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

**YOU CAN AFFORD THIS!** .....\$147,000  
 This darling Glenview starter home is the best value in the area. Call today to see why owning this home is cheaper than rent! 2 bedrooms, hardwood floors. Open Sun. 2-4:30, 3604 Glen Park.

M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

**FANNIE MAE OWNED** .....\$145,000 - \$154,000  
 Located in San Lorenzo, San Leandro & the Oakland Hills. Seller financing available, 3% down for owner occupant - 15% for investor.

MICHAEL HARDING 287-9583

**ENJOY HARD WORK?** .....\$145,000  
 Then you won't mind fixing up this Maxwell Park traditional w/window seats, built-ins, formal dining, sep breakfast rm. Just cosmetics to make it home.

SHERDELLA SIMS 287-9583

**BARGAIN HUNTERS** .....\$139,000  
 Don't miss this 2BR+ home office & full basement. Made for easy living. White-washed hardwood floors, built-in, large lot are your gain and seller's loss! Open Sun. 2-4:30, 6004 Monodock Way.

SHERDELLA SIMS 287-9583

**JUST REDUCED** .....\$139,000  
 Adorable cottage - new paint in & out. Newer roof & landscaping. All appliances stay. What a deal for first time buyers. Open Sun., 2-4:30, 2011 Damuth. CAROLYN HARTLEY 272-9308

MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-8975

**WATCH YOUR MONEY GROW** .....\$99,500  
 Builder's investor opportunity. Build several homes in the 1.1 acre land. Easy to build. Private road and private setting.



# Tarpoiff...

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She's not quite sure how it will be not having to be in the office every day. She's not a quilter or baker, her children are no longer at home.

For a long time now, since 1973 when her husband Ron encouraged her to get her agent's license, she's been working intensely at an insurance job.

For the last 10 years Ron has been working in the office with her, doing the payroll taxes, the insurance, the computers, the photography listings—a lot.

Perla's a little nervous, it seems, about the idea of changing it all. We tell her it's a brand new world. Things will occur to her, to them

both.

The agents who work at Berkeley Hills spill out their tributes. "Perla's just an incredible person. A shoulder to cry on, precious perspective when you feel you are mired down with people who won't give an inch," one says.

"Perla always knows," another tells us. "Whatever problem I had, there was always a solution that made me feel good."

"The honesty and integrity that Perla has is unparalleled. There is never anything that comes out of her mouth that isn't the truth."

"That's rare in this business. She is so genuine. It just doesn't exist in the world," says an agent who adds that when her husband was offered a better job out of the area, she told him, "Commute, sweetheart, I can't leave my boss."

A number of the 12 Berkeley Hills agents have been with Perla from the start. They can't imagine changing offices. "I have a moral stake here," one explained. "I need to be associated with people I respect. I respect everyone here."

They'll all be fine. These people work well together and they'll go forward and new things will happen.

Perla and Ron will be fine too. They've been sweethearts since they were 12 and 13 years old, when they did homework together after school in a New York candy store. They are still sweethearts today. Together they can do anything.

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# Moss...

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members of the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of San Francisco. The FHLB has 12 districts, as does the Federal Reserve Bank with which it is sometimes confused.

The FHLB performs a totally different function than the Federal Reserve, which controls the money supply. The FHLB's mission is to provide greater liquidity to member institutions in order to make loans more affordable and accessible, according to Amy Stewart who is the FHLB's corporate communications manager.

The savings and loan bailout of 1989 altered many of the banking industry's rules. It tightened lending practices, required state licensing for appraisers and did away with the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC).

For the FHLB, the bailout meant membership could be extended not just to savings and loan associations and savings banks but to credit unions, commercial banks, and thrift and loan institutions.

Although the FHLB loses and gains members over time, as of June there were 188 shareholders, each of whom must buy stock in the bank in order to be able to borrow from it. Changes in membership do not change the calculation for

COFI, according to Stewart. Of the total, only the reporting from 78 members are used in the calculation of the index.

"The index is calculated using exactly the same types of institutions that we had before," she said. "People don't want the index to change, they want continuity."

Therefore, the new class of members and any adds or deletions in membership are not included in the monthly calculation. "We don't want the COFI to alter and those (new member) institutions engage in different businesses," she said.

At least one mortgage broker, however, has pondered the numbers and believes that COFI has changed. "For some reason, other short term rates are up and COFI isn't moving," observed Richard Redmond at All California Mortgage in Larkspur. "It is moving in a very narrow range and seems to be less comparable to the other indices than it used to be."

Is it lagging more than it used to? COFI lags because it is a weighted average of the actual costs incurred by these 78 member banks during the preceding two months in the FHLB's 11th District. A ratio is calculated based on information provided by these institutions which are all savings and loans or savings banks.

The ratio is derived from what these institutions paid their deposi-

tors, thus the name "cost of funds." Here is the calculation: Take the total cost of all deposits including what the institutions paid the FHLB and for borrowings from other institutions.

Divide that by the total amount of deposits on which they paid plus the prior month divided by two to find an average.

The result is multiplied by 100 and by a monthly adjustment factor that reflects the number of days in the month which produces the actual index. Home and investment property buyers as well as anyone refinancing a loan are confronted with a myriad of indices on which to peg their borrowings.

Each index has its good and bad points and, over time, COFI has proven to be less volatile than a Treasury Index or CD yield, which move up and down every day, every minute actually.

There is another thing to keep in mind: "When rates are going down, COFI is a bummer," said Redmond. "When rates are going up, COFI is great." That's because its primary characteristic is that it lags behind the others.

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## MASON McDUFFIE Welcome Home

### OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

#### CUSTOMIZE FINISH TOUCHES... \$839,000

Yoursell on this "about to be constructed" gorgeous family home. SF bay views & level out yard. 4,000 sq. ft. Lucrative financing available. JON DUNN 533-1492

#### NEW PIEDMONT LISTING \$599,000

Classic 3BR, 2.5BA beauty with bay view, wonderful kitchen, family room, extra spaces, lovely patio and garden. MADDY HICKLING 428-0900

#### ON TOP OF THE WORLD! \$450,000

Enjoy breathtaking views & sunsets from this stunning Med. 3+BR, 2BA, new gourmet kitchen, 2 fireplaces & more. Pied. side of Montclair. JAMES GARCIA 832-7800

#### PRIVACY AMONG TREES! \$429,000

Only 6 years old contemporary, 3BR, 2.5BA plus fam rm. Call for appt. ANNICK DACOSTA 339-9290, 655-6544

#### DISTRESS SALE - OWNER MOVED! \$309,000

Must sell dramatic 6 year old Montclair home or back to bank! Great condition, 2-car garage, tranquil setting, approx. 2,000 sq ft! MARLENE DANIELS 652-2306

#### CROCKER HIGHLANDS CUTIE \$305,000

Don't miss this 3BR, 2BA home; great location. Lovely living room, formal dining, large basement, huge lot; tremendous potential, "as is" price. DOLORES THOM 834-2010, 763-1710

#### DORA PARK GEM \$239,000

More for the \$ than anything in nearby Rockridge. Restored 3+BR, 1+BA Med. Like-new. Remod. gourmet kitchen/master with deck, yard, garage. Friendly, convenient neighborhood. JULIE NACHTWEY 849-5303

#### ROCKRIDGE BUNGALOW! \$200,000

Best price in RR! Great potential for this 3BR with huge basement & garage. Needs TLC. Walk to BART & Market Hall. ERIKA CELESTRE 845-0211, 658-3727

#### LAUREL DISTRICT \$189,500

Nice property in mint condition. Remodeled kitchen/bath. Has exquisite floors. FDR, 2-car garage. Bay view. JIM HEDGES 848-6222, 287-9001

### BERKELEY / ALBANY

#### WANTED: BUYER WHO NEEDS... \$179,000

Lots of house for the money. Large 2BR home. Hdwd floors, spacious eat-in kitchen. Fruit trees in yard. Two stories. Off street parking. Must see! PATRICIA SANDERS 849-3711

#### NOT YOUR AVERAGE CONDO!! \$169,000

Large Elmwood 2BR, 1.5BA, 2-level condo. 1,000+ sq. ft. Remodeled kitchen opens to deck, & baths. Large LR with beamed ceilings - wood burning stove. New lino, carpet, paint. CAROL GIPSON 849-3711, 273-9025

#### CONDO GEM! SPECIAL! \$159,500

On one level in architecturally distinctive building with floor to ceiling windows. Fireplaces, hdwd floors, 2BR's overlooking courtyard. Parking. Close to U.C. HELENE BARKIN 849-3711, 273-9312

#### GREAT STARTER \$155,000

1346 Haskell, Berkeley. 3BR, 1BA, hardwood floors, recent kitchen. 2-car garage and a large lot. CARMEN GRIM 526-5143

#### PRICE REDUCTION! \$129,000

Great value & charm in a vintage Mediterranean style North Berkeley condo! Low fees, extra square footage in a garage, workshop, office! All appliances included! CAROL JEKABSON 849-3711, 527-3494

#### ALBANY - CALLING INVESTORS \$104,500

And those who want great schools & incredible price for luxury Gateview condo with many amenities, near free-ways, shops, 2 quiet bedrooms & 2 baths, excellent condition too! RAYNE PALMER 526-5143

#### A JEWEL IN NEED OF POLISH \$100,210

This is a great opportunity. This charming home has 2BR, formal dining, hdwd floors, fireplace & a backyard. With some TLC, this home would be outstanding. Probate sale. LOGENE BUTLER 644-5250

### WEST COUNTY

#### 1 LEVEL GOLF COURSE HOME \$375,000

4BR, 2.5BA, 16.5 years old, pool, spa, big kitchen, 2-car garage, and much more! Backs to 8th fairway at Mira Vista Country Club! Must see inside to appreciate. LLOYD JUNG 526-5143, 232-9699

#### HOME SWEET VIEW HOME \$360,000

This 4BR, 2.5BA home sits on nearly 1/4 acre and is over 3,000 sq ft. 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors and more. DARRIN TINSLEY 834-2010

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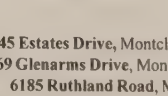
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## FROM THE GROUND UP

PAUL WINANS

The day starts off gray and never seems to really get sunny. The warm days without a breeze are gone. Each passing day seems a little cooler and just a touch brisker than the day before.

Your partner asks you to close the skylight in the hall. When you get in your car in the morning more brown leaves have collected on the hood than yesterday.

We have seen it all before. Once again it is the end of summer and the beginning of fall.

So what does this mean for those of us who have to maintain our home?

Summer was the time we were going to do all those home improvement and maintenance tasks that are so much more pleasant to do when it is warm and dry.

Summer was also the time when we took that great vacation which we needed so much because we were so busy just working all the time that we couldn't do all those home-related tasks that we really needed to get done.

Okay, it's fall and we want to be more ready for winter. What does that mean to us now? If we can only pay attention to a certain number of things before we col-

## Getting it all done little by little

lapse on the couch to recover from the last week at work what should those things be?

Let's keep it simple: think water. Fall means approaching winter and winter means rain. What can we do to make our house deal with the inevitable weather better?

Make it easier for the rain to drain away from your house than to go into it. Start at the top. Keep your roof clean.

When you are up there remove any debris that has collected over the summer, check out the condition of the roof. Is it aging? Are there any loose, missing or damaged shingles?

Consider calling a reputable roofer to do an inspection of the roof on your house and to make recommendations about how it might be "tuned up". His insight is very helpful in you getting the maximum life out of your roof, so be prepared to pay him a reasonable inspection fee.

Roofers are very popular this time of year so consider calling earlier in the summer next year.

Check out the gutters. If there is debris in them remove it. Make it easy for the water to "leave" (no pun intended!) through them and travel down to the ground.

Check out the downspouts and make sure they are not clogged. If there are any leaks or breaks in the system make the decision to do the repairs yourself or to call a gutter person.

Where does the water go when

it reaches the ground? In many homes it goes into the basement or the crawlspace! Why does this happen? Because the slope of the earth around the house directs the water towards it instead of away from it.

If there is landscaping near the house, the resulting debris helps to raise the level of the soil near the house quite quickly, changing the drainage so water cannot flow away easily.

What can you do? Regrade the slope of the earth within several feet of the building so that water cannot pool against the foundation but drains away from it instead.

If this is too heavy a task for you any number of people can help you, such as that high school student who lives next door or the gardener your neighbor thinks of so highly.

What is worse than those winter storms where the rain pours out of the sky? The winter storms with the high winds that drive the rain against your home at over 60 miles per hour.

Have any leaky windows or doors that just can't keep the water out? It might be late in the year to consider replacement but it is a good time to think about some remedial measures, such as a well-placed bead of caulk.

Take a careful look at that spot that was so problematic last winter. While it is still dry, try to get it to leak by water testing with a

garden hose so you can discover where the leak is. Until you located it you can't fix it.

Is your basement below the level of the ground that surrounds the house? Do you depend on a sump pump to keep the basement dry?

Check out the condition of the pump before it starts raining. It gets mighty tiring hauling that water out in buckets all night long.

At the same time you are doing all the above, take the time to get ready to enjoy the bad weather.

Make sure your furnace is in good working order with a clean filter. If you are fortunate enough to have a fireplace, stock up on some wood now while it is still dry.

You might consider having a chimney sweep check it out so you won't have to worry the first time you light a fire this winter.

That seems like a big list of things to do! How can you get them all done? Start now as the leaves start to fall.

Do a little each week. If you can't get it all done yourself ask for help. And get ready to enjoy the changing of the seasons.

*If you don't get it all done this year you'll have another chance next year! Paul Winans, CR, is co-owner of Winans Construction, Inc., an Oakland-based general contracting firm founded in 1978. He can be reached at 653-7288.*

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## California home sales and prices increase again

Closed escrow sales of California detached homes increased during August from both the month before and a year ago, indicating that the rebound in the nation's largest housing market is gaining momentum amid signs of slowing U.S. home sales, the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) and Transamerica's MetroScan real estate service reported today.

Median home prices increased during August from a year ago in 128 of the more than 300 selected California cities and areas contained in the attached chart. These localized statistics were generated from Transamerica's MetroScan service. (Last month, C.A.R. announced that it has joined forces with Transamerica Information Management Services, a subsidiary of San Francisco-based Transamerica

Corp., to provide expanded housing market statistics for many cities and areas throughout California.)

"We are delighted that California home sales increased during August from the month before, indicating that the state's housing market is gaining steam again after taking a breather during the previous two months," said C.A.R. President Rick Snyder marking the 11th consecutive month of year-to-year increases in statewide sales," said Snyder, a San Diego Realtor.

"This year is, without question, shaping up to be the best year for California home sales since 1989," said Snyder.

Among highlights of the C.A.R.-Transamerica MetroScan August resale housing report:

— Statewide, 526,540 existing, single-family detached homes

closed escrow during August on a seasonally-adjusted, annualized basis, up 5.0 percent from a revised annualized rate of 501,430 homes sold in July.

— The August sales pace jumped 15.7 percent from the August 1995 annualized rate, when 455,040 homes were sold. Year-to-date, statewide home sales have increased 24.6 percent, compared with the January through August period in 1995.

The annualized figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 1996 if sales occurred at the August pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors which influence home sales.

— The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home sold during August was \$100,830, down 0.5 percent from \$182,420 in July. The August median price declined 0.9 percent from August 1995, when the median price home sold for \$182,470.

— Fixed mortgage interest rates

averaged 7.95 percent during August, down from an average of 8.24 percent in July, but up slightly from 7.84 percent in August 1995, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 5.81 percent in August, down from 5.98 percent in July and 5.91 percent in August 1995.

"We are pleased that the Federal Reserve decided earlier this week to leave interest rates unchanged," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president of economics and public policy. "This decision will have a beneficial impact on California's overall economic recovery — from the housing market to job and income growth to consumer sentiments," said Appleton-Young. "We also are particularly encouraged to see that consumer confidence in the Pacific region has jumped more than 23 points during the last three months, reaching a level during September that is slightly above this month's national

See SALES on page 28

## Getting rid of those ants? Here's a tried and true recipe

By Buzz Bertolero

Q: May I please have your Ant Recipe?

A: Ant recipe is as follows: mix three cups of water, one cup of sugar, four teaspoons of Boric Acid and heat the mixture nearly to a boil. After it has cooled, pour into shallow receptacle and place it near the ant flow.

Boric Acid is a colorless, odorless white powder that is soluble in water. It has been used for pest control for the past century. It has low toxicity to humans and other mammals and is known not to be a carcinogen. With days getting shorter and winter right around the corner, ants are starting to look for refuge. The ant recipe is a non toxic answer that will kill the existing ants and sends a message to the rest of the colony to move on.

Q: I am planting *Laurus Nobilis* for an eventual tall hedge. Currently, the plants are in 1-gallon containers. Being a patient person. I know these plants will fill in to make a lush, thick hedge. How far

apart do you recommend planting them. I have many resource books, but none list planting distances. I'm thinking three to four feet apart. Help! Planting day is soon.

A. Most of the reference books do not give planting distances because it can vary with the different plant uses. So there are no wrong answers. As a hedge, three to four feet is very acceptable but then again so four to five feet. If I were planting this hedge I would space them at three feet. The closer together they are planted the faster they will fill. Also, let the hedge fill in at the bottom first. All to often hedges are allowed to reach their maximum height leaving holes at the bottom.

Q: I have read that the *Oleander* has poisonous leaves. I have a grove of these huge bushes in my backyard and have a couple of questions. First, when I cut them down to remove them completely, what is the best way to kill off the root system? Second, can I use the branches and trunk (stem) but not

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Consumer Confidence Index," Appleton-Young added.

C.A.R.'s statewide Unsold Inventory Index was 7.7 months in August, up slightly from 7.2 months in July, but down from 9.1 months in August 1995. The Index measures the number of months it would take to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current rate of sales.

Regional sales data are not adjusted to account for seasonal factors which influence home sales. Additional median home prices for more than 300 selected California cities and areas also are contained in an attached chart.

C.A.R.'s median price and sales data for detached homes are based on reports from 90 Associations of Realtors throughout the state. Median condominium price and sales data are based on a survey of 64 Associations. The median price for both detached homes and condominiums is based on closed escrow sales.

Median home prices for more

than 300 selected cities and areas throughout California were generated from Transamerica's MetroScan real estate service. These localized price statistics are derived from all types of home sales — new and existing, condo and single-family.

Localized California housing market data is provided to C.A.R. by Sacramento-based Transamerica Information Management Services and its MetroScan real estate service. The company is a subsidiary of San Francisco-based Transamerica Corp., one of the largest Fortune 500 companies headquartered in California. Transamerica Information Management Services is a leading provider of real property information for real estate professionals, for more information about Transamerica's real estate-related products and services, call (800) 825-7226.

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## Garden...

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*the leaves for firewood in my fireplace? I have talked with several "authorities" and each said that they could not give me an answer. Would the smoke be toxic?*

A. All the parts of the Oleander plant are toxic as would the smoke from burning it. So haul it away. Let the new shoots from the roots grow to about 18-24 inches and then spray them with Brush Killer or Brush-B-Gon. It may take several applications but you will kill out the roots.

*Q: I have a Mayten tree which I particularly like, in my front yard. The problem is that it sprouts suckers that, when left alone, grow quite large. How can I prevent these little devils from popping up all over my lawn? Do you have a monthly letter as what to do in your garden?*

A. Unfortunately there is no way to prevent trees from suckering. It is part of their gene pool. So removing them by hand is the recommended control method. I wouldn't

use any herbicide as the main tree may suffer some damage. Currently, I write a weekend gardening calendar on-line at <http://www.dirtgardener.com>. The Dirt Gardener's gardening "To Do List" is a weekly list of gardening activities. Q: We bought our first home last September and been delighted with a wonderful lemon tree in our backyard. It produces an abundance of lemons.

*Q: Our back yard is bordered by a creek so we have not watered or fertilized this tree. How do we continue to ensure that this tree will continue to produce?*

A: Large citrus trees should be fertilized during the growing season with Citrus Food. You can give it a little each month from April-October or two applications just before the spring bloom and right afterwards.

The tree should receive a half a pound of fertilizer per inch diameter measured two feet off the ground. Spread the fertilizer around the drip line and do not pile it up at the trunk.

There are many surface roots

that are not getting any creek water. So, I would supplement the creek by hand watering the tree every two weeks June through October.

Build a water basin that extends from the trunk to outer branches of the tree and fill the basin up a couple of times each time you water.

*Q: The City of Fremont is going to give free compost to residents. This compost is made from yard waste material that is collected curb-side by BFI.*

*Not knowing the history of this material, my concern is using the compost made from it on plants grown to be eaten.*

If chemicals, especially systemic, or the material was from a site that had contaminated soil, would the compost be safe to use?

A: I would not have any concern with using the compost. The heat generated in the composting will sterilize the mix killing off most of the weed seeds, insects and plant diseases.

This type of compost poses no threat to edible crops. Also, contaminated soils are never recycled into compost piles.

*Q: I have Amaryllis bulbs blooming. After they have finished blooming are you supposed to cut the stalk or do you leave it until it dries like the leaves? If the green leaves feed the bulb, what about the flower stalk? When is the best time to transplant Amaryllis bulbs?*

A. The only purpose of the stalk is to support the flower. You can remove it anytime after the flower is spent or with the leaves when used as a cut flower. I prefer to do it soon after the flower has faded. Amaryllis is best transplanted after the flowering and foliage have turned yellow which is in the late early summer. Amaryllis is known as Belladonna or Naked Lady and is now available at most garden centers. They produce rosy pink fragrant flowers in the summer without any foliage. This bulb is drought tolerant, strap like leaves, grows in any soil and is long lived.

*Listen to Buzz Bertolero, the Gardener, Saturdays, 6-8 a.m., KNBR 68, "The Sports and Gardening Leader."*

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5640 MARGARITO DR Claremont Pines Medit, 4/3 The GRUBB Co., Jeanette Roach 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$1,049,000	5809 BALMORAL DR Hills Beautif Lvl-In Hm, 3/2, Fam Rm Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174	\$389,000	5923 COLBY Rockridge Grt Duplex, Nr BART, Shops Red Oak Realty, 527-3387 X0-121 SUN 2-4	\$272,000
5831 ACACIA Claremont Pines Monterey Colonial, Mst Ste The GRUBB Co., Sandra Vogl 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$869,000	708 LONGRIDGE RD Crocker Hglds Best Vale 3+bd/5ba Better Homes 339-4000	\$379,500	1230 HOLMAN RD Trestle Glen 3/1 Tudor Beauty Gadsby & Associates, Joe Cristobal 748-5300	\$272,000
6145 ESTATES DR Pied Side Montclair, 4 1/4 Eleg Trad, 1/2 Acre The GRUBB Co., Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$785,000	6401 BROOKSIDE AVE 2 yr old Custom Tudor, 3/3 1/2, Grmt Kit The GRUBB Co., John Karnay 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$379,000	4031 ARDLEY Glenview 3/3 Fab Updtd Victorian, Vntg Charm Mason McDuffie 339-9290, Patricia Mitchell 869-4234	\$268,500
2 DIABLO DR Montclair 5/4 on 3 Lts, Gated/Fenced, Fam Rm The GRUBB Co., Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$749,000	5814 LASALLE AVE Montclair (Pied side) Nr Vige, 3/2 The GRUBB Co., Marion Schwartz 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$375,000	4048 COOLIDGE AVE Pristine 3/1 Trad, Hdwd, Updtd Kit Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000	\$268,500
5900 ACACIA AVE Claremont Pines Grcs 1929 5bd/3 1/2ba, Vws The GRUBB Co., Linda McClain 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$745,000	211 DUNCAN WAY Montclair 4 1/2, Nw Listing! 1 1/4+ Acre, Lvl Lot Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460	\$369,000	39 RAMONA Sophisticated Crtsm, Updtd, Selsmic, Pride Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174	\$267,000
5924 CONTRA COSTA RD Upr Rockridge 2 Yr Old Medit, 4/3 The GRUBB Co., Debra Dryden 339-0400	\$699,000	2 MALL COURT Montclair 4/2, Pvt, Lg Mstr, Hdwd Flrs, Yd Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460	\$369,000	701 GLENDOME Circle Glenview 3/2, Art Deco Design, Cyn Vw Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460	\$258,000
5940 MARGARITO DR Upr Rockridge Nw Medit, 4 1/2, Mstr Coldwell Banker, Jim Duffy 339-1174	\$695,000	975 GROSVENOR PL Crocker Sophstctd 3+2 1/2, Serene Grdn Better Homes, Jan Neff 339-8400	\$363,500	921 EVERETT Glenview Gorgeous Trad, Tastefully Updtd 2/1 Coldwell Banker, 339-1174	\$258,000
5576 GLENBROOK DR Claremont Pines 4+3 Trad, Patio, Grm, Lvl The GRUBB Co., Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$695,000	5555 CARLTON Rockridge Superbly Restr'd 4/2, Orig Acrnts Mason McDuffie 428-0900, Mark Miller 893-5030	\$359,000	4175 EASTLAKE AVE Redwood Hts 3/2, Bay Vw, Motivated Sellers! Better Homes, Harriet Schenck 531-2437	\$258,000
5711 COUNTRY CLUB Claremont Pines 4/3, Priceless Vws Mason McDuffie, Margaret Wade 428-0900	\$675,000	1054 LEO WAY Montclair 4/2 Stylish Tudor, Nr Vige, Mve-in The GRUBB Co., Susan Veit 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$349,000	3751 VICTOR AV Redw Hts, 3 1/1, Vw, Needs TLC Gadsby & Associates, Dor 748-5300	\$252,000
6069 GLENARMS DR Montclair Nw 4/3, 2 Mstr Ste, FDR The GRUBB Co., Marilyn Watson 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$669,000	5701 CHELTON DR Pied Pines 1 Lvl, 3/2, Fam Rm, 3 Car Grg The GRUBB Co., Linda McClain 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$349,000	5630 MORAGA AVE Rockridge 2/1, Reduced, Ownr Nds Fast Sale! Better Homes 339-4000, Morrie 647-6975	\$249,000
145 AGNES ST Upr Rockridge New 5/4, Au Pair or Office Mason McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Moore 644-5488	\$649,000	6666 CHARING CROSS Hiller Hglds Lg Unit w/Loft + Addit Rm Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174	\$345,000	5552 ASCOT Pied Pines, Hdwd Flrs, Eat-In Kit, Lg Yd Coldwell Banker, Joan Alfaro 339-1174	\$249,000
13050 BROADWAY Montclair 3/2 1/2, Lvl Lot, Nw Cosntrctn, Vw Mason McDuffie 339-9290, Kathy Florence 869-4250	\$619,000	6185 WESTOVER DR Montclair 4bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495	\$339,000	2601 CAMINO LENADA Montclair 5/4, Grt Location Mason McDuffie 428-0900, Jeffrey Himmel 644-5474	\$248,000
5985 CONTRA COSTA Upr Rockridge 4/3+ Nw Lst 5 Yr Old Trad Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460	\$599,000	6675 MOORE DR Nw on Market! 3/2, Frm Rm Off Kit, Dbl Grg Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000	\$337,500	3916 SEQUOYAH RD Sequoyah Hts 3/2, Lg Fam Rm Ovrrks Grdn Better Homes 339-8400, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653 SAT & SUN 1-4:30	\$238,500
6241 BUENA VISTA Bay Vw, Elegant, Stylish 3/3 Custom Coldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174	\$595,000	2300 LEIMERT BLVD SF Bay Vw, Top Nghbrhd, 4/3, Fab Kit Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 531-7000	\$336,750	4069 HUNTINGTON Upr Laurel 3/2, Nw Listing! Remid Kit Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460	\$238,500
110 STARVIEW Hiller Hglds Outstanding Twnhm, Elevator Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174	\$589,000	401 HILLER DR Bright Twnhm, 3/2+ Contemp, Loft, Frpic Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174	\$335,000	4749 STACY ST New Listing, 3/2, Fam Rm, Mv-in Cond Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Mienbach 339-1174	\$238,500
1963 OAKVIEW DR WVI Elegant Trad, 4+bd, Prime Locn Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochstetler 339-1174	\$589,000	1939 MELVIN Upr Oakmore Nw Listing! 3/2, Bay Vws Mason McDuffie 339-9290, Pam Cornford 869-4213	\$335,000	432 62ND ST Rockridge 2/1 1/2, Crtrl Heat, Full Carmetd Basement, Quiet Neighborhood nr College, Jones Realty 452-4101, 339-9521	\$238,500
5887 MARGARITO DR Claremont Pines 4/3 1/2 Sun Filled Hm The GRUBB Co., Nancy Rothman 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$585,000	11251 LOCHARD Chabot Pk Hglds 4/2, Bay Vw, 2 Frpics Mason McDuffie 834-2010, Allison Austin 286-7620	\$329,900	4106 39TH AVE Redwood Hts 3/2 Contemp, City/Bay Vws Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460	\$238,500
121 DIABLO DR Montclair 3+3 Rustic Contemp, Pano Vw, Ctge Better Homes, Julie Renaldi 339-8400	\$550,000	741 & 743 HADDON PL Lovely Trestle Glen duplex, Hdwd Flrs The GRUBB Co., Stacy Ewing 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$329,000	482-842A WALKER Grand Lake 2bd/1+ba, hdwds, formal DR, +1/1 2200sq in-law, 2 Grgs, 5% down. Owner 834-8768 SUN & MON 11-5 MAKE OFFER	\$238,500
6046 FAIRLANE DR Nw Construction, 4/3, Beaut Kit Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174	\$549,000	12550 BROOKPARK Parkridge Estates 3/2, 1 1/2 Acre, Pool Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460	\$329,000	5680 CARBERRY Idora Park Like-new 3+1/1, Reduced! Mason McDuffie 845-0211, Julie Nachtwy 849-5303 SUN 2-4	\$238,500
6185 RUTHLAND RD Montclair Nw Medit, 4 1/2, Grmt Kit, Lbry The GRUBB Co., Ed Kuo 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$549,000	619 LONGRIDGE Crocker 3/2 Ranch, Hdwd Flrs, Remid Kit Coldwell Banker, Darcy Diamantine 339-1174	\$325,000	1354 BARROWS RD 2/2 Chamer, + Rm, Frpic, Hdwd Flrs Mason McDuffie 834-2010, Jacalyn Evner 273-9876	\$238,500
52 SCHOONER HILL Hiller Hglds Nw Listing! 3+2+ 1/2, Vws Mason McDuffie 339-9290, Annick Da Costa 466-5597	\$545,000	663 CARLSTON Crocker Hglds 4/3 Med, Vws, Needs Updting Mason McDuffie 339-9290, James Garcia 869-4211	\$325,000	3821 WISCONSIN ST 3/1 1/2, Grt Bay Vw, Rumpus Rm, Lvl Yd Oak Hills, Pryly Off Keller Just Below Skyline, Owner 639-7699 SAT & SUN 1-4	\$238,500
3719 BRUNELL DR 4+3/4, Pano Bay Vw, Nw, Grt Price Mason McDuffie 428-0900, Barry Klein 644-5423	\$529,000	4247 LAKESHORE AVE Crocker 3+2, Nw Mstr St, Pvt Deck The GRUBB Co., Linda McClain 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$319,000	4751 DAVENPORT SF Vw, 2/2, Cathedral Ceilings, Lg Yd Better Homes 834-2010, John Bell 839-3438	\$238,500
235 SOMERSET DR Montclair (Pied Side) 3/3, Bay Vws, Patio Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460	\$499,900	6627 HEARTWOOD Montclair Chamer 2bd, nearly level-in, deck Bay Vw + Studio w/Sep Entry, Owner 531-8382 Principals Only SAT & SUN 1-4	\$315,000	1475 EXCELSIOR AVE Glenview 3/2, Refinished Floors Better Homes 339-8400, Ken Ferrell 814-9036	\$238,500
1854 GRAND VIEW Hiller Hglds 3/3, Strght On SF Bay Vw Mason McDuffie 339-9290, Karen Blandy 869-4223	\$469,000	1093 CLARENDON CRESK Crocker Spcs 3bd, FDR, Sep Studio The GRUBB Co., Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$314,000	6900 THORNHILL DR Montclair 3/2, Vw, Lvl Yd, Won't Last! Better Homes 339-8400, Mel Copland 339-2109	\$238,500
6456 PINEHAVEN RD Montclair 4/3+, 4 Yrs Old, Kit/Fam Rm Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460	\$459,900	583 MONTCLAIR AVE Haddon Hill 4/3+, Updtd Throughout Pacific Union, Dona DeBard 339-6460	\$312,000	3869 LYMAN DR Upr Dimond 3/1, Remid Kit Gadsby & Associates, Lois 748-5300	\$238,500
6525 CHELTON DR 4/3 Fully Custom Hm, 3262 sq ft, Cyn Vw Re/Max In Motion 339-4100, Tim Fibig 339-4104 SUN 1-4	\$449,950	6995 PASO ROBLES DR Montclair, Tahoe Setting, 4+bd/2ba Priced Below Appraisal, Move-in Condition, Jim Jones 339-1098 SUN 2-5	\$305,000	2 MERLIN CT 4 1/2, Buy of the Year! 10,000+ sf Lot Better Homes 339-4000, Hal Marcus 287-5866	\$238,500
451 MOUNTAIN BL Reduced Pricel Montclair nr new 4/3, level-in, main floor MBR suite, FDR, vtd ceiling, 2 trpl, Richard Palmer 559-9134	\$445,000	1135 GLENORA Glenview Rambling 5/3, Grt Nghbrhd Red Oak Realty, 527-3387 X-113 SUN 2-4	\$299,900	1094 SCOTIA AVE Hills 3/2, Mv-in Cond! All Leve, Fam Rm Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460	\$238,500
6017 OCEAN VIEW DR Upr Rockridge 3/3, Xtras & Location! Mason McDuffie 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 644-5426	\$439,000	4150 GILBERT/ 227 RIDGEWAY Fine Duplex Nr Pied Ave Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 635-9842/ Morrie Feigenberg 547-6975	\$299,000	3126 CALIFORNIA ST Laurel 3/1 1/2 Tudor, Vw, Yd, Beaut Cond Better Homes 339-8400, Rachel Baller 530-3860	\$238,500
7128 THORNHILL Montclair 4 1/2 All Lvl Trad, Vw, Yd Mason McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224	\$432,000	8050 PHAETON 5/2 Eichler Redo-Incredible! Mason McDuffie 339-9290, D.A. Hammond 869-4219	\$299,000	266 MATHER ST Piedmont Ave 3/1+, Clean & Fresh, Hdwd, Bl-lne Better Homes 339-8400, Tom Nemeth 652-6537	\$238,500
6642 LONGWALK A Frank Lloyd Wright INSPIRED Design Home 3bd/3ba w/ adj lot, sun deck, Privacy! Will Uher 278-0451 SAT & SUN 12-5	\$430,000	4032 BRIGHTON AVE Glenview 4/2 Craftsman Oozes Charm! Better Homes, Howard Rodkin 339-8400	\$299,000	286 COVINGTON 3/2 Trad, Mv-in Cond, FDR, Totally Level Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000	\$238,500
6788 ARMOUR Montclair 4 1/2, SF View, Pvt Backyard Better Homes, Sue Williams 339-8400	\$419,000	5233 BROADWAY TERR Rockridge Unique Home, Wlk College Ave The GRUBB Co., Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$299,000	3133 SYLVAN AVE Buyer Friendly 3/2, Fam Rm, Yd, Grg Coldwell Banker, Joan Alfaro 339-1174	\$238,500
2733 DARNBY Piedmont Pines 3+2 Sophisticated Ranch Mason McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202	\$419,000	6401 ZINN Montclair 4/3 1/2, Solarium W/Spa, Tranquil Ltn Mason McDuffie 339-9290, Margie Wright 869-4251	\$299,000	301 CRESTMONT DR Sngl Lvl 3/2 on Corner Lot, Bay/Brdg Vw Re/Max In Motion 339-4100, Tim Fibig 728-2917 SUN 1-4	\$238,500
5768 SCARBOROUGH DR Pied Pines 3/3, 2 Lndscpd Lots The GRUBB Co., Linda McClain 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$415,000	2020 MELVIN RD Oakmore 3/2, Seller Motivated! Mv-in Cond Better Homes 339-8400, Martha Shin 531-8643	\$295,000	43 SAMARIA LN Redwood Hgts 2 Story Twnhs, Bay/Marin Vw The GRUBB Co., Connie Rogers 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$238,500
6479 ASCOT DR Pied Pines Remodeled 3 1/2, Fab Kit The GRUBB Co., Judy Rankankar 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$409,000	5862 CHABOT CT Rockridge 3bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495	\$289,500	610 JEAN ST New Listing! Nw Condos nr Rose Grdn, 2/2, Frpic Templeton & Co., Ron Egheman 652-2133 X-127	\$238,500
40 STARVIEW Hiller Hglds Just Listed! 3/3 Contemp Twnhm Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174	\$399,000	4396 REDWOOD Oak Hills 3+2+, SF Vw, Affordable Mason McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202	\$285,000	2656 FISHER Beverly Ter 3/2, Pride/Ownrshp, Upgrds, Xtras Better Homes 339-4000, Michael Kelly 287-9576	\$238,500
5822 HARBOR DR Montclair 4+3, Beautiful Upgrades Better Homes, Suzanne Linford 339-4000	\$399,000	4133 OAK HILL RD Reduced! Sequoyah 3/2, 12 Yr Contemp, Hdwd Flrs, Vw, 2 Mstr Sts, Taboloff & Co., Margo Brady 482-4131	\$284,000	565-57TH 2/1, Lg Liv Rm, Frpic, Sun Rm, FDR Mason McDuffie 834-2010, Shirley Covington 287-2532	\$238,500
1900 ARROWHEAD DR JUST LISTED, 3 Yr Old Tp Qual 3+2+ The GRUBB Co., Sheila Gallagher 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$399,000	12645 BROOKPARK RD Parkridge Estates 3/2, 1 1/4 Acre, Lvl Hm Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460	\$279,000	3048 CARLSEN ST New Listing! Upr Laurel 2+1/1, Vw, Lg Yd Better Homes 339-4000, Arnold Muller 531-6712	\$238,500
		4656 REDWOOD RD Leona Pk Villas, 2 1/2 Twnhs, FDR, Patio The GRUBB Co., Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 SUN 2-5	\$277,000	3051 CALIFORNIA Laurel Beautiful, Sunny 2+bd/2ba + Sep Studio Manhattan Real Estate, 444-5300	\$238,500

To place a listing in the Open Home Guide, please call 339-4046.

DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.



## Events

The Events Calendar does not accept-for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) hosts its monthly meeting 7 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 17 at Lordship's Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. Home inspectors who belong to ASHI of those interested in joining and meeting other professionals are invited to attend. Along with a regular chapter business meeting, Jeff Brown of Mendocino Engineering will present Common Heating Installation Demos. The \$35 cost includes dinner. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-4355 for more information.

The Sydney B. Mitchell Society presents its October Beardless Iris Auction and Raffle, 7:30 Fri. Oct. 19 in the Garden Center Building Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue, Oakland. The public is invited to

this free program, which features newly introduced hybrids as well as many old favorites including Pacific Coast hybrids, Japanese, Spurias and Louisians. Call 482-5252 for more information.

Truitt & White Lumber Company, 642, Hearst Ave., Berkeley, presents Chris Vaughn of Vaughn Construction and the free homeowner seminar, **Planning For Your Kitchen Remodel**, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sat., Oct. 19. Reservations are required. Call 649-2674.

Stained Glass Garden, 1800 Fourth St., Berkeley will hold a **Fused Glass Jewelry**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat. and Oct. 19 and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sun Oct 20. This hands-on class will teach the basic techniques of glass fusing, make glass jewelry in your own home. Call 841-2200 for more information.

Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage presents the free workshop **Real Estate Financing 101** 10 a.m. to

noon, Sat., Oct. 19 at CMG Mortgage, 1225 Solano Ave., Albany. Become an educated consumer. Learn about lender guidelines, income required to qualify for a mortgage, community assistance programs and more. Reservations are required. For more information or to reserve your seat call Karen at 728-2134.

The Oakland Tours Program presents a free walking guided tour of **Oakland's Churches and Temples**, 10 a.m., Sat., Oct. 19. Visit some of Oakland's historic places of worship and learn of their influence on the development of the city of Oakland. Meet at the First Presbyterian Church, Broadway at 27th St. Call 238-3234 for more information about this tour or about any of the city of Oakland's seven free walking tours.

Orchard of Lafayette continues its **1996 Harvest Festival** every weekend through Halloween. On the agenda for Sat., Oct. 19 is Roses '97, Art and the Rose, Soils and

Soil Testing, and Home Composting for Busy People. Scheduled for Sun. Oct. 20: Is There a Doctor in the House, Part Two, Year Round Color in Your Garden, If Michaelangelo Carved Pumpkins and Dueling Banjos. Orchard of Lafayette is located at 4010 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. Call 284-4474 for more information.

The Hillside Gardeners of Montclair invite you to a program featuring Barbara Witt's **Introduction to Chinese Herbs**, 11:30 a.m. Tues., Oct. 22 at the Joaquin Miller Community Center, 3594 Sanborn Drive in Oakland. Learn how to use Chinese herbs to activate your immune system. Bring a lunch. Coffee and tea will be served. Call 531-6329 for more information.

Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. presents Dana Levy's seminar **Taking Your Lump Sum Distribution** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wed. Oct. 23 at 1333 North California Blvd., Walnut Creek. Topics to be covered include: IRA rollover rules, build-

ing wealth with stocks and tax reducing strategies. Refreshments will be served. No solicitation and no obligation. Participants receive a free Retirement Income Management Evaluation. Call 746-2935 for more information.

The Oakland Tours Program presents a free walking guided tour of **Oakland's City Center**, 10 a.m., Wed., Oct. 23. Enjoy turn-of-the-century landmarks nestled alongside modern high-rises. Explore the upbeat style of Oakland's modern City Center Square. Meet at the front entrance of City Hall. Call 238 3234 for more information about this tour or about any of the city of Oakland's seven free walking tours.

Catherine Teegarten of RAF Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 24 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Owner occupants can buy properties for no

money down. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Realtors, investors, contractors and nonprofits are all welcome to attend. This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarten at 528-0767, ext. 17 for information and reservations.

Orchard of Lafayette continues its **1996 Harvest Festival** every weekend through Halloween. On the agenda for Sat., Oct. 26 is Fall Projects for Kids, Put on a Happy Halloween Face, and Kid's Coloring Contest Winners. Scheduled for Sun. Oct. 27 is The Fragrant Garden, Got Gardening Questions? Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin and Dueling Banjos. Orchard of Lafayette is located at 4010 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. Call 284-4474 for more information.

If you're interested in joining the **Phantom of the Opera Fan Club** or want to receive its newsletter, call Alison Trammell at 682-4793.

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

4007 WEBSTER Temescal 2+2, Lg Finished Bsmtnt, Reduced! \$174,900  
Mason McDuffie, Henriette Green 834-2010

4291 STEELE Up High Terr, Light, Bright 2/1, Mv-in Cond \$165,000  
Mason McDuffie 339-2010, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554

4433 SUNNYMERE 3/1, One Lvl, Lrg Lot, 2 Drvys \$159,900  
Gadsby & Associates, Bill 748-5300

458 ADAMS, #400 Adams Pt 3/2 Penthouse \$159,000  
Mason McDuffie 428-0900, Jennifer Jones 644-5466

4686 MADRONE Laurel 2/2, Wonderful Starter Home \$159,000  
Mason McDuffie, Mary Dresser 869-4224

4700 WAYNE New Listing! Nw Condo, Lvl Vistas L Merritt, 2/2 \$155,000  
Templeton Co., Ron Egberman 652-2133 X-127

4725 PRINCE ST #6 Wondrflly Remld Elmwood 1+bd Condo! \$175,000  
J.T. Ward, Miriam Wilson 845-6021 X228 SUN 2-4

4725 PRINCE ST #10 1st Open! Darling Elmwood Condo \$148,000  
Templeton & Co., L. Easterday 652-2133 X-134 SUN 2-4

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MALE, black/white Pitt Bull, 10 years old, Piedmont Ave./Pleasant Valley, October 9th. 547-1098	

### 215

BRACELET, gold with emeralds and diamonds. Area: Berkeley Tennis Club, Ashby, Pine 549-9399	
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### 216

"TOM", All black DSH cat, still missing. Please return safely. We love you. 530-7522	
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### EDUCATION

### 302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL	
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447	

### SMILES DAY SCHOOL

Pre-school program 2.5-5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick-up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30-6:00 339-3830	
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ALL Autos Wanted. Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1996 to help the Homeless Children. Please call at 415-871-0885. We need Vans, Cars, RV's, Trucks. Thank you.	
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BMW, 1979, 528i. Power: brakes, steering, windows. Air, leather, white, mint condition. \$5000. Offer 654-5030	
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BUICK, 1969 Park Avenue, 4 door, loaded immaculate. 55,000 miles. \$7900. 339-8625	
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CADILLAC Fleetwood Brougham, 1986. Mechanically and body excellent. 82K miles, \$4500 or best offer. 451-1056	
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FORD Bronco II, 1985. 5-speed, 4 wheel drive sport vehicle. Air, cruise and power. One owner. It's clean. \$5,000 cash. 510-733-2161	
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FORD Pickup, V-8, 4 wheel drive. Crusty but strong. \$2100/best offer. 532-2517	
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HONDA, Accord LXI, 1987. Four door, loaded, 96K miles. \$2250. 845-6564	
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MERCEDES Benz, 1986, C280, moonroof, chrome wheels, leather, 4,000 miles, like new, \$33,000. 501-4106	
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MERCEDES 240-ED, 1982, silver blue, manual transmission, air, sunroof, low mileage (131K), well maintained, clean. \$4100/best offer. 655-6182	
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NISSAN, 1986, GXE, moonroof, CD stereo, teal/grey interior, 6,000 miles, like new, \$23,750. 501-4106	
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PONTIAC, STE-6000, 1986, Power, automatic, air conditioning, very clean, runs well, looks good. \$2000. 510-846-8545	
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### SEIZED CARS FROM \$175

Porsche, Cadillac, Chevy, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4 Wheel Drives, Truck area. Toll free 1-800-898-9778 ext. A-7057 for current listings	
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VOLKSWAGEN, Rabbit GDI, 1984, Silver, sunroof, runs perfectly. \$2200. 627-4345	
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### 103 Boats-Service & Storage

GLASTON s/sk/ fish boat, 18', 110 hp outboard with 16 hours. Convertible top, canvas cover. \$2995/best offer. 655-6128	
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**401** Representative and unlicensed salesperson wanted for subsidiary of Fortune 500 company. Insurance, Call/Wallace & Reed, Inc. 333 Heegenberg, 1011 Cleveland 94621 (510) 633-1121

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needed for the Montclair Swim Club. Day and evening shifts available. Must be certified. Call 525-3350

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**SUPERVISOR OF LIFE SKILLS TRAINERS** Full-time benefit management position; supervisory and health care experience required; preferably in rehabilitation

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Send resume to: Learning Services, Attention: HR Dept., 2733 Woodview Street, Berkeley, CA 94705 or FAX to (510) 854-1764. EOE. No phone calls please

**MEDICAL CLERK** Full-time position for energetic, flexible, self-motivated individual. busy pediatric clinic. On-call/Weekend. Chart prep, filing, appointments, mail distribution. Medical office experience preferred. Full-time \$24-34/hr or fax resume 525-1054

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**NURSE** for Berkeley allergist, experience desirable. Will train. Fax resume to: 510-843-0203

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**756 El Cerrito & North**

\$1050 EL CERRITO older 2 bedroom, sharp, carpets, garage, near BART. Non-smoking Agent 526-9661

\$2375 THREE bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, luxury, country club. Panoramic Bay views, El Cerrito. 237-7555; 427-7111

**759 Oakland & Piedmont**

**760 1 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
**Oakland & Piedmont**

\$725 UTILITIES paid. Hills remodeled 1100 sq. ft. Fireplace, bath. Rhoda/Alida #49185-B Homefinders 549-6450

**761 2 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
**Oakland & Piedmont**

\$750 VICTORIAN flat. Hardwood floors. Stove, refrigerator. Garden with gardener. 2421 13th Avenue 530-1005

**761 2 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
**Oakland & Piedmont**

\$795 ONE bath, dining room, fireplace, fenced yard, 1 car garage. 3214 60th Ave. 287-9986

**\$975 CHARMING 2 bedroom house**

near Mills, huge yard, garden, updated, hardwood floors, garage. 635-2261

\$1000 REALLY nice, Dimond District, hardwood floors, skylights, fenced yard, fireplace, garage. CPS/SELECT 339-1642

\$1025 SPACIOUS and charming, fireplace, sun-room, garage, garden, fish pond. Central location 672-7076

\$1050 ADAMS Point townhome, split-level, vaulted ceiling, 2 baths, fireplace, washer, dryer, deck, garage. 510-339-8578

\$1100 LAUREL, cozy 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, garden, deck, creekside. Laundry hook-up. Garage, storage. 531-5581

\$1200 GLENVIEW, 2 bedroom home, view, garage, newly redecorated, deck, first, last and deposit 531-1056

\$1200 REDWOOD Heights on Guadalupe Street. Two bedroom, 1 bath. Approximately 1000 sq. ft. on 1/2 acre. Hardwood floors, big backyard, detached garage. Call Michele 531-7005

\$1250 PETS definitely welcome! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, washer/dryer hook-up. Garage, storage, large yard. New transportation. 635-2678

\$1300 ROCKRIDGE large remodeled Craftsman, granite kitchen, large yard. Deck and garage. 521-9243

\$1650 MONTCLAIR Hills. Exceptional quality, well-maintained, craftsman style. Hardwood, brick patio, fireplace, view. 339-0786

**762 3 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
**Oakland & Piedmont**

\$1050 LARGE 3 bedroom, 1 bath, Lake District, remodeled, in Prime Richmond location. Good Freeway Access - Walking distance to BART. High employment area. As low as 30¢ per sq. ft. Tom B, 235-1044

\$1200 LARGE 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home, formal dining, hardwood, laundry hook-up, huge yard 532-9300

\$1250 VICTORIAN new 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, garage with alarm. All appliances. Security gate 718-0454

\$1500 MONTCLAIR 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Serene setting. Close to transportation and Montclair Village 339-1985

\$1700 MONTCLAIR, View, choice, clean, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2800 sq. ft., garage, carpets, drapes, appliances. No pets. Lease. 510-338-8625

\$1750 THREE bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. Montebello Terrace View home. Decks, patio, double garage, alarm, fireplace, master suite. Leslie 633-2101; 559-0701

\$1800 MONTCLAIR custom contemporary, vaulted ceiling, woodstone, hardwoods, master suite, baths, laundry, atrium, decks, yard, alarm, garages. Annual lease 508-267-0425

\$1895 PIEDMONT 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Deck, view, pets? Cavendish/Trestle Glen #49052-B Homefinders 549-6450

\$1900 UPPER Rockridge, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath. Hardwood floors, carpeted bedrooms, modern kitchen, fireplace, deck, garage, alarm, washer/dryer. Gardener. Near bus route. Non-smoking 655-2263

\$1950 CUSTOM 3 bedroom, 4 bath, Upper Rockridge, 3 years new, hard wood floors, spectacular views, patio, gourmet kitchen, and much more. WMC 893-9380

\$1995 CROCKER Highlands 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Great location! Must see! (415)826-4233

\$2000 THREE bedroom, 2 bath, 2400 sq. ft., 2 car garage. 510-937-0534

\$2500 HILLER Highlands, 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, office, plus guest room, new, spectacular view. Granite, hardwoods, spa, washer/dryer. Full upscale. Country club included. 510-295-0397

\$3200 PIEDMONT, choice location, large deck with SF views for entertaining, formal dining room, all appliances. Large yard. SF transportation at corner. Available November 15. Call 510-644-5449

**763 4+ BED. HOME RENTALS**  
**Oakland & Piedmont**

\$1800 SPACIOUS 4 bedroom, 3 bath, family home, Bay view, 2 car garage, 2 fireplaces, upgraded kitchen. Available December 1st. Call 339-3336

\$2300 MONTCLAIR/Oakmore 4+ bedrooms, 2 baths. Light, airy, Trees, garden, view. Hardwoods, fireplace. Garage, large laundry room. Children's pet okay. Jack, 415-460-0606; leave message

\$2300 MONTCLAIR, Steps from Village! Very private, spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Enchanting character throughout! Fireplace, hardwood, super kitchen! Parking. Laundry 893-5030, evenings

\$2350 CUSTOM 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath contemporary home. Vaulted ceilings, formal dining, luxury kitchen, family room, pool, deck, filtered view. Upper upscale area. Kramer Real Estate 510-946-5200

**BEST VALUE IN PIEDMONT PINES**

5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, plus 1 bedroom in-law unit, family room, living room, fireplace, modern kitchen, large decks, double garage, immaculate, filtered view of Canyon 839-3100

\$3000 OR best offer, Montclair, 3500 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, modern luxury home, 1-3 month rental 510-935-5488

**764 San Leandro & South**

\$975 SAN LORENZO 3 bedrooms. Stove, large kitchen. Living room, fireplace, large, fenced yard. Garage. 722-Hacienda. 530-1005

**SHARE RENTALS**

**771 Alameda**

\$625 BEAUTIFUL setting near Lagoon. Share spacious 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with women and sweet dog. Nonsmoking. 814-8102

**774 El Cerrito & North**

\$350 RICHMOND Annex Plus 1/2 utilities large comfortable home, laundry, fireplace. No pets/nonsmoking. 524-8822

\$550 NEGOTIABLE 2 downstairs bedrooms available in lovely 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-story home (two current tenants) near the Arlington road, deck, hot tub, sauna, laundry, fireplace, dining extras. Share utilities. Owner. 1-800-410-1041, anytime

**777 Oakland & Piedmont**

\$300 PLUS utilities, room for rent, private bath, private entrance, large backyard, references required. 536-9373

\$375  
Piedmont area. Deck, fireplace, storage, lots of wood, cozy, share with two stable, female professionals. Pets okay. Move-in and call it home. Jane 451-5303

\$400 LARGE, lovely, hills home above Oakland Zoo with professional woman, 2 sweet dogs 569-1415

\$400 MONTCLAIR Hills, view, trees, fireplace, laundry. Modern, large, beautiful home. Top Shepherd Canyon. 482-3336

\$425 PLUS one-third utilities. Private, furnished bedroom/bath. Lovely Oakland Hills home. Kitchen, living room privileges. Must supply references. 530-8436

\$450 LARGE sunny, bedroom in small 2 bedroom, huge deck. Share with graduate student 339-8508

**777 Oakland & Piedmont**

\$450 SHARE sunny house with two professional. View, quiet neighborhood, yard, fireplace, laundry. 510-482-2971 Susan

**\$450 THREE bedroom house**

Oakland Hills, nice view, quiet, wooded. Share utilities. Security deposit. Nonsmoking. Still available. Available Now 531-7350

\$550 MASTER bedroom/bath in great condo. Quiet, park-like setting. Pool, sauna. Share with professional woman and sweet dog. 482-5281

\$565 PIEDMONT Pines, November 1st. Two bedroom suite in 4 bedroom house. Forested yard with deer, secluded, very peaceful. 531-2468

\$625 CUSTOM view home, Oakland Hills. Bedroom, bath, garage. Professional woman, plus 2 cats. Has all the amenities. 530-1707

**COMMERCIAL RENTALS**

**781 Alameda**

Office, R&D light assembly space available at Alameda Marina. Reasonable rates, off-street parking. 521-1133

**782 Berkeley & North**

2700 sq. ft. to 16,500 sq. ft. ground floor and second floor prime Richmond location for only 38¢ per sq. ft. Industrial gross, plus T. 1.1. Good freeway access. (415)391-9240 ext. 304

LARGE warehouse type or showroom - warehouse located in Prime Richmond location. Good Freeway Access - Walking distance to BART. High employment area. As low as 30¢ per sq. ft. Tom B, 235-1044

MULTI-Purpose building, attractive office complex; aerobic studio; arts center; computer center; studios; gallery; retail; small adult school; clinic, etc. Pleasant, quiet commercial area, 2 restrooms, wheelchair access, parking, newly painted and tiled throughout. 1307 Solano, Albany. \$2500 monthly. 524-0291







## Public Notices

Are hereby registered by the following owners:  
Alan John Ferguson, 933 S. Villa Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.  
Elizabeth Anne Ferguson, 933 S. Villa Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.  
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 9, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 9, 1996.  
The Journal October 3, 10, 17, 24, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5726  
The Name of the Business:  
RMC Marketing, 3494 Camino Tassajara, Danville, CA 94506.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
M.L. Martin, 40 Dawn Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 19, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 13, 1996.  
The Journal October 3, 10, 17, 24, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5773  
The Name of the Business:  
1 HR Photo Photo - Shipping Etc., 2707 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA 94519.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
C. Dattalo, 931 Rockwood Court, Concord, CA 94518.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 19, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 16, 1996.  
The Journal October 3, 10, 17, 24, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5833  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) Enhanced911 Database Company, 2) EDB, 3) E911 Database Company, P.O. Box 397, 93 Lucille Way, Orinda, CA 94563.  
Are hereby registered by the following owner:  
Margaret E. Dorsey, 5 Lucille Way, Orinda 94563.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 7, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 10, 1996.  
The Journal October 3, 10, 17, 24, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5831  
The Name of the Business:  
American Self Storage, 2500 Monument Blvd., Concord, CA 94520.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Jim Mogadani, 2500 Monument Blvd., Concord, CA 94520. P.O. Box 30571, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 23, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 23, 1996.  
The Journal October 3, 10, 17, 24, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5606  
The Name of the Business:  
Valley Computers, 3438 Clayton Rd., #205, Concord, CA 94519.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Rokneddin Motgheddi, 1600 Carmel Dr., #19, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 9, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 8, 1996.  
The Journal October 3, 10, 17, 24, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5811  
The Name of the Business:  
Travel Treasures, 1358 Las Juntas Way, #F-100, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Nyla A. Burt, 1358 Las Juntas Way, Apt. F, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 23, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 23, 1996.  
The Journal October 3, 10, 17, 24, 1996.

FILE: 4755 A.P. NUMBER 432-106-003 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST, YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED August 16, 1989, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU ARE NOT THE OWNER OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that S.B.S. Trust Deed Network, a California Corporation, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust recorded by Barry M. Workman and Doreen Elin Workman, husband and wife recorded on 08/25/1989 as Instrument No. 89 164250 in Book 15291 Page 934 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Notice of Trust recorded 06/21/1996 as Instrument No. 96-116717 of said Official Records; Will Sell on 10/23/1996 at the Main Street Entrance to the City Hall 1666 N. Main Street Walnut Creek, Ca. at 10:30 AM at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title, and interest, conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5500 Conestoga Way Richmond, CA 94803 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$287,159.96 in addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank authorized in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in the state. In the event tender of the cash is not made, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Dated: 09/24/1996 S.B.S. Trust Deed Network, as said Trustee, a California Corporation, 7411 Loric Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 (714)842-9111 By: Nancy Stuart, Asst. Secretary, S.B.S. Trust Deed Network CD4868 05, 10/10, 10/17, 1996.

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Control No. 249057  
Loan No. 49-42700-6  
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MARCH 19, 1992 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On Tuesday, the 29th day of October, 1996 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M., of said day, at 2401 WILLOW PASS ROAD, CONCORD, CALIFORNIA, County of Contra Costa, State of California, Northern Auxiliary Corporation, as trustee, will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, and/or the cashier's certified, or other check specified in the Civil Code, Section 2924 (d), all payable at the time of sale, of the following described real property situated in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, and described as follows, to wit:  
As more fully described on said Deed of Trust, A.P. No. 544-102-021, PROPERTY BELIEVED TO BE LOCATED AT, 208 South 12th Street, Richmond, CA.

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ESTIMATED SALE PRICE (includes unpaid balance of loan plus interest and estimated costs at publication date): \$62,200.00. The property described is being sold in an "as-is" condition. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain deed of trust executed by Ricardo Duarte and Norma Duarte, his wife, trustor, to Northern Auxiliary Corporation, as trustee, for the benefit and security of California Savings & Loan, a Federal Association, dated March 09, 1992 and recorded March 24, 1992, in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, in Liber 17340 of Official Records at page 56.  
Dated September 26, 1996  
NORTHERN AUXILIARY CORPORATION  
By Helen O. Symon, Vice President  
800 Market Street  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Telephone: (415)966-3600

D. RUSSELL SYMON  
Attorney for Trustee  
San Francisco, California  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5558  
The Name of the Business:  
On-Line Advertising, 2639 Saratoga Ave., Concord, CA 94519.  
Is hereby registered by the following owners:  
Robert Ouellette Jr., 2639 Saratoga Ave., Concord, CA 94519.  
Kathy Guthrie, 2 Marine Blvd., 74A, Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 5, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 10, 1996.  
The Journal October 3, 10, 17, 24, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5646  
The Name of the Business:  
StarQuality Enterprises, 2921 Santos Ln #2122, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Kimberly Ferry, 2921 Santos Ln #2122, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 10, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 10, 1996.  
The Journal October 3, 10, 17, 24, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5931  
The Name of the Business:  
Drive Media, 21 London Ct., Clayton, CA 94517.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Jill M. Walters, 21 London Ct., Clayton, CA 94517.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 23, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 23, 1996.  
The Journal October 3, 10, 17, 24, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5052  
The Name of the Business:  
California Private Label, 4010 Chestnut Ave., Concord, CA 94519.  
Is hereby registered by the following owners:  
Jill M. Walters, 4010 Chestnut Ave., Concord, CA 94519.  
Michael D. Walters, 4010 Chestnut Ave., Concord, CA 94519.  
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 27, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5821  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) SDG Architects, 2) Brentwood Design Studio Architecture, 1280 Central Blvd., Suite B, Brentwood, CA 94513.  
Are hereby registered by the following owner:  
Jill M. Walters, 1280 Central Blvd., Ste. B, Brentwood, CA 94513. A California corporation.  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 18, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5872  
The Name of the Business:  
Remit Gifts, 115 Kentfield Ct., Martinez, CA 94553.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Rosemary Rameley, 115 Kentfield Ct., Martinez, CA 94553.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 20, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 20, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5648  
The Name of the Business:  
NORCAL Industries, 1700 N. Broadway, Suite 303, San Francisco, CA 94103.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Linda R. Driggs, 111 Del Monte Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 10, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 10, 1996.  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5837  
The Name of the Business:  
Consolidated Construction Resources, 194 Cynthia Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Christina Rogers, 194 Cynthia Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 18, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 18, 1996.  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-6081  
The Name of the Business:  
Home Doctors Handyman Services, 150 Oak Park Dr., San Francisco, CA 94131.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Jamel N. Khoury, 150 Oak Park Dr., San Francisco, CA 94131.  
Wolfgang Kloczek, 472 Fathom Dr., San Mateo, CA 94404.  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 30, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 30, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5845  
The Name of the Business:  
First Golden State Realty, 2582 Applian Way, Pinole, CA 94564.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Allen Burgos, 359 First Ave., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 19, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 19, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5844  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) Thistle Investments, 2) The Financial Management, 170 Sandringham South, Moraga, CA 94556.  
Are hereby registered by the following owner:  
Merian Hamlen, 170 Sandringham South, Moraga, CA 94556.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 19, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 19, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5844  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) Thistle Investments, 2) The Financial Management, 170 Sandringham South, Moraga, CA 94556.  
Are hereby registered by the following owner:  
Merian Hamlen, 170 Sandringham South, Moraga, CA 94556.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 19, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 19, 1996.  
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### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

339-8777

## Public Notices

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 96-5975  
The Name of the Business:  
Baskets of Joy, 3139 Ida Drive, Concord, CA 94519.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Joyce L. McKellar, 3139 Ida Drive, Concord, CA 94519.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 25, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 25, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5833  
The Name of the Business:  
Discount Auto Center, 3701 Collins Ave., #5C, Richmond, CA 94804.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Faimi Noorzay, 24 Pomona St., Crockett, CA 94525.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 18, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 18, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-6056  
The Name of the Business:  
Toys Net, 1421 Liberty St., #2, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Irsahd M. Mogul, 1421 Liberty St., #2, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 27, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 27, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-6076  
The Name of the Business:  
TRI Realty, 490 Violet Road, Hercules, CA 94547.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Alda Owanico Torres, 490 Violet Road, Hercules, CA 94547.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 30, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 30, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5931  
The Name of the Business:  
Drive Media, 21 London Ct., Clayton, CA 94517.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Jill M. Walters, 21 London Ct., Clayton, CA 94517.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 23, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 23, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5052  
The Name of the Business:  
California Private Label, 4010 Chestnut Ave., Concord, CA 94519.  
Is hereby registered by the following owners:  
Jill M. Walters, 4010 Chestnut Ave., Concord, CA 94519.  
Michael D. Walters, 4010 Chestnut Ave., Concord, CA 94519.  
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 27, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5821  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) SDG Architects, 2) Brentwood Design Studio Architecture, 1280 Central Blvd., Suite B, Brentwood, CA 94513.  
Are hereby registered by the following owner:  
Jill M. Walters, 1280 Central Blvd., Ste. B, Brentwood, CA 94513. A California corporation.  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 18, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 96-5872  
The Name of the Business:  
Remit Gifts, 115 Kentfield Ct., Martinez, CA 94553.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Rosemary Rameley, 115 Kentfield Ct., Martinez, CA 94553.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 20, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 20, 1996.  
The Journal October 10, 17, 24, 31, 1996.

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The Name of the Business:  
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The Name of the Business:  
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This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
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The Name of the Business:  
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The Names of the Businesses:  
1) Thistle Investments, 2) The Financial Management, 170 Sandringham South, Moraga, CA 94556.  
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Merian Hamlen, 170 Sandringham South, Moraga, CA 94556.  
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The Name of the Business:  
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Hassan Abdellou, 755 Gates St., San Francisco, CA 94117.  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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This business is conducted by an individual.  
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The Name of the Business:  
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Mei Chen, 475 Elmira St., San Francisco, CA 94124.  
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.  
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The Name of the Business:  
Premium Products Co., 20 Thyme Ct., Oakley, CA 94561.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
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This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 3, 1996.  
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# AUTO SALES AND SERVICES

A Feature of the Advertising Department

## Out of Gas...



by Karen Senzig

and taking the dreaded (but quickest route) Interstate 5, we refueled at Harris Ranch (approximately 167 miles south) and again once over the Grapevine grade. Before we left we filled up at the Chevron Station at Park where medium grade (89% Octane) was going for \$1.59 per gallon. At Harris Ranch Mobil it dropped to \$1.45, at the Grapevine we found gas for \$1.39 and by the time we hit Lake Forest we paid \$1.23! No one yet has been able to give me a rational explanation as to why prices vary so much between Northern and Southern California.

Since I was in Southern California and all, I took the opportunity to see my sister Kathy in the high desert town of Joshua Tree, a little jaunt of 145 miles from my in-laws place in Lake Forest. On the way, I discovered SoCal's version of rapid transit-toll roads called FAST TRACK. Now, I've been driving the 91

Freeway between the City of Orange to the Inland Empire since I got my driver's license. The canyon drive has improved considerably throughout the years with CalTrans ever widening, multi-lane efforts, but you could always count on a jam up with creep and beep traffic somewhere along the twenty mile stretch. The first thing I noticed was that this special road was not for tourists or the occasional driver, but for regular commuters. One must have a FAST TRACK pass, no cash accepted. I didn't see any toll gates so I assumed (and was advised later that this was in fact true) that commuters using the special walled off lanes were on an honor system. I did see two cars and a truck pulled over in my round trip excursion by the CHP. I understand the penalties are pretty stiff for abusing the system.

The big discussion out at my sister's place was politics and the new reformulated gasoline. One of Kathy's guests was John Mikulik, who during the summer months is an Alaskan bush

pilot and winters in his home in Joshua Tree. In his off time he has become somewhat of an expert on the political controversy of this issue. He explained to me that there is an Oxygent in the fuel called MTBE that has a tendency to dissolve hoses and seals, especially in the newer cars and trucks. He said that was caused due to the new smog control devices being out of wack with this new gas. He charged that the State of California spent 3 million dollars in PR to convince Californians that the reformulated gasoline would not change anything but improve the air but only spent \$50,000 to review the data of what changes might occur to the car engines. John also claimed that the Director of the Air Resources Board did not have the education or background to read his own reports and had to rely on his staff to pull out the positive aspects that he could promote.

These are all interesting charges that as time goes on more and more people are validating. My brother-in-law Jim (he is a general contractor

in the desert) told me that he no longer can use the auxiliary gas tank on his '77 3/4 ton Ford F250 Truck (with a newly re-built engine) due to leaking seals which he is sure was caused by the new gas. I have readers and friends who have made similar complaints regarding their newer cars. Personally, I haven't bought a new car since 1988, but there is one thing I could check—miles per gallon now versus before the gasoline change.

All in all, Scott and I put a little over 1300 miles on the car that trip, most of that in 5th gear, the gas economy gear. My Jetta has a computer that tells me everything from how much time I've been driving, what the average miles per hour I'm going, what my oil temperature is, what the temperature is outside and what the average miles per gallon I'm getting. On our last trek to SoCal before the gasoline reformulation we averaged about 36 miles to the gallon. This trip the average was 27.6 miles to the gallon. There's about 6 months and 16,000 miles between those two trips and not much else was different other than the price of gas. Maybe there is something to this reformulated revolt!

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# Just do it, for fun that is

By Mac Montandon

After losing every player to graduation from last year's 3-7 team, it figures to be something of a learning season for everyone involved with this year's Berkeley girls' tennis team.

Second-year coach John Armstrong has already learned a thing or two from his young squad: One, no player on the team had played a school match prior to this season. Two, what the girls lack in experience, they more than make up for in enthusiasm, hustle, and, most of all, panache.

From scheduling problems to physicals and attitude, this year's group deftly courts the unusual.

Originally scheduled to open the season in mid-September at home against Livermore, a mix-up postponed that match until the middle of October.

Instead, Armstrong's team began play this month on the Milvia Street courts against a slightly more polished team from San Ramon Valley.

San Ramon bought its own uniforms, and drove down in the cars of coach Kari Herzog and three parents to avoid the additional fees of busing, which the girls would have had to cover.

Due to a shortage of required physicals, Berkeley was without some of its top players and had to forfeit one singles and two doubles matches.

Though they were unable to claim a set from San Ramon in the matches they did play, it remains clear that this year's team, which is 0-3, transcends simple wins and losses.

Berkeley's number one ranked singles player, junior Nancy Namkung, says she holds that position out of having had a few lessons and being the oldest on the team. She sums up her team's philosophy when she announces, "We're just playing for the fun of it."

No one seems to be having more fun than the doubles duo of Brooke "Kit" Wilson and Jane "Kat" Hegarty. The self-proclaimed "sassiest team around" came up a little short in the home opener, but strolled off the court grinning after their first ever official match.

"We're still the queens of the court," Hegarty said, her wallet chain gleaming in the light of the setting sun.

On the court, Hegarty had to battle not only a determined San Ramon doubles team, but the new laws of denim physics. This law states that oversized and unbelted

jeans will fall, if not continually held by the hand not holding the racket.

Wilson has all the accouterments of a star: the look of anguish over a missed shot, an occasional grunt, and utter disbelief when the ball flies off her racket at an uncalculated angle. If she develops a consistent forehand and backhand to go along with these skills, the rest of the East Bay Athletic League is in trouble.

While this year's Berkeley team doesn't have a player to equal last year's conference finalist, Rebecca Letz, the number one through five players are fundamentally strong and seem intent on improving.

After Namkung, Alana Perley, Rebecca Weissman, Jessica Davidson, and Lauren Bennett comprise the top spots, though coach Armstrong doesn't have a set lineup. "We'll probably take it week to week," Armstrong, 25, said, "I'm still learning what the girls are capable of."

Anything seems a distinct possibility. Davidson shook off her loss by donning a Walkman and dancing off the court. Seeing some of his players sprawled on the sidewalk, awaiting their first match, oblivious to the pressures of competition, Armstrong marveled, "We have the weirdest team, it's so cool."

# EC-Albany Masters 24-hour swim marathon fundraiser this Saturday

El Cerrito Albany Masters will be holding a 24-hour relay beginning Oct. 19 at 8 a.m. and finishing on Sunday at 8 a.m. Team members will each swim for one hour consecutively, tagging the next swimmer in relay fashion at the end of their hour.

The event is a fund-raiser to pay for pool time during the winter months. Swimmers are busy gathering sponsors who agree to pay them a certain amount per length of the pool completed in one hour. In addition, corporate sponsors are being sought who will sponsor the whole 24-hour relay. The team expects to complete in the 24 hours approximately 2,160 lengths of the

pool or 36 miles!

El Cerrito-Albany Masters has become the fastest growing adult competitive swim team in the east bay. Recently, the team finished an impressive fourth place among large teams at the Long Course Championships in Santa Cruz. Also, at the Sacramento Pentathlon, held Oct. 5, BCAM swimmers placed in the top three in eight age groups.

"The tremendous growth and achievement of the team makes it even more important to keep our pool open through the winter," says Coach Blythe Lucero. "We are looking forward to the spring and summer competitive season. In order to be ready, we must continue the

momentum of our training."

Spectators are welcome to watch the 24-Hour Relay which will be held at the El Cerrito Albany Masters, 7007 Mooser Lane in El Cerrito.

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# Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer Results

Under-11 Boys  
Mavericks 3  
Lamorinda 1

Giovanni Garcia scored a pair of goals and Victor Mendoza tallied once to give the Mavericks a victory last week, ending the string of close losses. Micheal Gonzalez, Elias Tsadik, John O'Leary, Peter Catalfo, Jared Amgott-Kwan and Jake Spicer all contributed in the win.

like a trend for this team. The Mavericks controlled the ball for most of the game, but failed to put the ball into the net enough for the win.

Doralice Maravilla was outstanding as goalkeeper for the Mavericks, making forays out of the box to break up attacks and also pulling down most of Delta's shots.

Sweeper Greg Murry and stopper Peter Catalfo were especially tough defensively.

the Arsenal's speedy left and goals by Daniel Camacho and Adam Moran. Kevin and Peter Lemone each had assists for the Arsenal.

The Mavericks' goal from Giovanni Garcia came off the bench to score a one-touch volley in the first

Mavericks 1  
Bay Oaks 0

Giovanni Garcia scored the goal to send the Mavericks to a win over Bay Oaks. John O'Leary and Elias Tsadik were instrumental in the offense for the Mavericks while Michael Gonzalez and Peter Brock and Peter Catalfo helped in earning the shutout.

Benicia Arsenal 3  
Mavericks 1

The Mavericks gave up a heartbreaking win to the Arsenal after controlling the ball for almost the entirety of the game. The Mavericks were burned by

Delta Jaguars 2  
Mavericks 1

Robert Diaz kicked in the rebound of his own penalty kick to score the only goal for the Mavericks in what was beginning to look

# Gauchos

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our offensive line," he said. "They've been doing the job all year."

Except for one run where he was stopped at the line of scrimmage,

Lacy's shortest rushing gain of the day was on his first carry when he gained 12 yards.

Lacy scored three touchdowns in a little over half the game, including a 55-yard running score and an 86-yard punt return. Lacy ended his night with a reception for a 2-point

conversion. At that point, the game was 36-6 with 22 minutes left in the game.

Lacy has 10 touchdowns in five games, eight running and two on punt returns. Only De La Salle's Saleem Muhammad (12) has more in the East Bay.

# Identity

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play," the coach said. "The bench actually played more minutes than our starters did."

As much as he is surprised by his offense, Shaughnessy is pleased with the way his defense has begun to control the line of scrimmage.

"The defense is coming around a little bit," he said. "It will be tested real well this Saturday."

Shag is referring to Saturday's non-league game with Terra Linda.

"We scouted them against San Rafael and they are very well coached team," he said. "They have

good athletes and the coaching staff get the most out of them. Collectively, they present a lot of problems for our defense. They are good athletes at the skill position."

The key, Shaughnessy said, is in containing Terra Linda's back Nick Walker.

# Jackets

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one-yard touchdown runs, one by quarterback Joe Hughes and the other by running back Joe Cannon, the Titans went ahead 16-12 with 4:54 left in the game.

That's when Berkeley took over at its own 37 and proceeded to go on its only sustained drive of the day.

As early evening shadows darkened the field, the Jackets moved dramatically towards Herzog's winning grab. A key play on the drive came when Berkeley faced third and 13 near mid-field. Running back Cartier Brown, filling in for Martin, broke wide around the left

side of the line, running hard for a 24-yard gain.

Clearly this was a tough loss for Skyline, and a huge win for the Jackets. Both teams came in at 2-2 for the non-league game, but no one on the Titan sideline could quite explain how this one got away.

Afterwards, Beam looked like he had just seen a ghost as he tried to make sense of a frustrating loss.

"I'm mystified," Beam said, "It's a break down at every phase. We beat ourselves. We've got to execute, but we're at a stage it seems where we're constantly shooting ourselves in the foot. I don't have an answer right now."

McDaniel, too, was unable to pinpoint the Titans' troubles.

"It's just mental errors," the back said, "This is a game we should have won. We've just got to get together. It's going to be a winning season, though. We're going to do what we usually do at this time of year."

The tall pines that circle Skyline's field bristled in a brisk fall breeze last Friday, announcing exactly what time of year is upon us. Soon pumpkins will begin to grin from every porch. Soon every coach will find out if his team is full of disappointing tricks, or if they can muster a championship treat.

# Albany

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Holy Names, but for volleyball this is the right place to be," she reflected after the match. "There's more pressure involved when we play them, though. I wanted to play well in front of them."

Harbo can rest assured of Albany's ability to play great volleyball in front of anyone. She and her new teammates executed very well, and if they felt any pressure after the St. Francis match, it didn't show.

Just as the sound man cranked up Michael Jackson hits between games, so Albany cranked up its hard hitting attack from the start of the match. Led by junior setter Maria Zupo's 12 assists, the Cougars were able to blindside

another opponent with a series of inventive, high-flying kills.

Albany demonstrated a well-balanced offensive attack. Junior Mia Narell had eight kills, Harbo furnished six of her own, and senior outside hitter Megan Meyer contributed four kills.

Cougar head coach Konrad Ott rotated a deep and powerful lineup so effectively that star senior setter Lindsay Kagawa was able to take much of the afternoon off. And yet, Ott maintained that Albany can play better, and had done so the day before.

"We played our best match of the year last night," Ott said, referring to the 15-8, 8-15, 15-4, 15-9 win at St. Francis. "The girls were all fired up last night. They know St. Francis is a team

we have to beat to contend for the state title."

Similarly, Holy Names knows Albany is the team it must beat to have a shot at the ACCAL crown.

Last Thursday Holy Names just couldn't keep up with a Cougar squad stocked with tall, powerful hitters. The Monarchs toughened in the second game, however, as Albany experienced a rare lull. Behind Haley Blaska's 4-5 serving, and a couple of stinging Swygert kills, Holy Names made it interesting.

If nothing else, the second game showed that, at times, Holy Names can compete with Albany. In the top-heavy world of ACCAL volleyball, that should be good enough for second place.

# Glory

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down passes by Damon Flutch, the Eagles scored 30 points in the last 14 and a half minutes of the game to beat Albany 30-18.

In a battle of previously winless Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League teams, Kennedy simply had too much air power for Albany.

The Eagles tied the score 6-6 when Flutch found Michael Youngblood on a 7-yard TD pass with 2:24 left in the third quarter. They went ahead for good on a 57-yard Flutch to Lashawn Schexnayder strike.

When Flutch let fly a Flutiesque scoring heave of 53-yards to Darrell Williams, it was suddenly 24-6 Eagles late in the game.

But, as the Cougars have done all season, they refused to give up. If

Albany ever decides to make "The Longest Yard, II," Burt Reynolds should definitely have some talent scouts check this Cougar squad out.

The Cougars have a grit that makes coaches proud, even if it doesn't show up in the standings.

Quarterback Billy Zeier, seemingly the leader of this intense attitude, found Corey Bell on a 63-yard bomb to pull Albany within 24-12 with 5:18 to go. In the end, however, the now familiar script of Cougar games wrote itself into the books: they ran out of gas.

Jermaine Land led Albany in rushing, gaining 45 yards on 13 carries. Land is still recovering from a leg injury. Senior Omari Smith caught four passes for 41 yards.

Cougar coach Anthony Freeman liked what he saw from his club in

terms of effort, and looked forward to the remaining schedule.

"I thought we improved totally in this game," Freeman said, "But we're still not getting the breaks or making the big plays when we have to. We played the full game, though, I didn't have anyone quit. I'm looking for my guys to come out of this. I thought we might've gained some confidence, and we still have five big games left."

Though at first glance their next game might not seem so big, it's against a Richmond team that has yet to win in the ACCAL this year, a win could do wonders for Freeman's squad.

Tomorrow's home game against Richmond (1-4, 0-4) offers the Cougars (0-5, 0-4) another chance to negotiate the creaking stairs out of the ACCAL basement.

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